

CHILTERN DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting: Friday 5th May 2017 at Coleshill Village Hall

Present: 54 members attended. Apologies: 29 received.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM had been circulated to all members; these were approved – proposed by

Peter Day, and seconded by Peter Chapman. They were signed by Kay Day .

Chairman's report:

Kay welcomed everyone, both in Welsh & English, and highlighted that membership is currently 129 with 2 new members, Clive & Gwyneth Herrington, who regrettably could not attend on the evening. Sympathy was expressed to Heulwen & family on the sad loss of Ieuan Longhurst who had been a very supportive member.

It had been another successful year, with the Society continuing to arrange a variety of events reflecting the wide range of members' interests. These included walks, a quiz evening, golf, a city "away day" and a 5 day holiday. In addition, there have been our THREE annual major Social Events: the Summer Lunch: the Christmas Drinks, both held in the garden or home of our members: and the St David's Day black tie dinner, held in Harewood Downs Golf Club. We all enjoyed listening to Huw Edwards (the BBC News Broadcaster) who was the most entertaining speaker. Many thanks to Steve Rowsell for arranging such an auspicious guest. Thanks were also expressed to our hosts, Ralph & Margaret Broomby, & Alan & Diana Longshaw, also to Chris Thomas & Pam Britton who organised the most enjoyable Society Golf Day at Oakland Park. Kay also gave thanks to everyone who had contributed to each event throughout the year.

The Chairman was pleased to report that she and Jonathan had put in place a Society Insurance Policy covering Public Liability. She highlighted that this is not a travel insurance, for any trips, holidays or outings, members will continue to need their own insurance cover. Also, events held in a Member's home/garden will still need to be covered by the householder's own insurance. Kay requested that any questions regarding the detail of this Society Insurance should be addressed to her or Jonathan immediately after the AGM

The events for 2017/18 will include:-

- 9th May: Gwyndaf's walk in the Chilterns.
- 2nd July: The Summer Lunch.
- 19th June: 5 day holiday - centred in Tenby- Pembrokeshire.
- 1st Sept: Golf Day at Oakland Park.
- 10 December: Christmas Drinks.

The following events were being planned:-

- Theatre visit, or play at Stratford upon Avon
- Live ballet/opera at a local cinema

- Welsh cheese & wine evening.
- Coach trip to Portsmouth/Bath

In conclusion, Kay thanked everyone on the committee for their support and contribution throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report:

In Graham's absence Jonathan reported on his behalf. As in 2016 we aim to reduce our surplus money to around £2,500 to £3,000. Currently our funds are £3,391.43, but this includes money paid in advance as the deposits for the Tenby trip; given some early payments of the Annual Membership - this has also contributed to an additional, but short term, surplus. The main beneficiary of a subsidy has been the Christmas drinks & the associated catering. Jonathan presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017. We will continue to subsidise events this coming year. The accounts were accepted - proposed by Barry Reece and seconded by Elan Preston-Whyte ..

Election of Officers & Committee members:

All existing Committee Members are happy to stand again for the coming year. There was one new nomination - namely Rob Britton - this was proposed by Jonathan Pegler and seconded by Ann Evans. It was proposed that the current Committee is re-elected to stand again - proposed by Peter Day and seconded by Maldwyn Pugh. It was unanimous - from the show of hands.

Any Other Business:

None

Members then enjoyed a supper prepared by Ann Tennant's team. Entertainment was provided by Mike Smith - a member of the Inner Magic Circle. He was one of the most professional magicians and delighted us with his polish & wit, closing a most convivial evening.

Jean Owen 18th May 2017