

**AGM 2015**  
**Calne Music and Arts Festival**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup> Marden House 7-30**

**Present:** Peter Grant, Hilary Wright, Paul Woodman, Joan Woodman, Eddy Lane, Diana Lowe, Simon Parker, Gordon Burns, David Evans, Audrey Currell, Anne Davey, Carole Browne, Lesley Hunt.

**Welcome** Peter welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Apologies:** Glenis Ansell, David Bowker-Praed, Jane Bowker-Praed, Jackie Fox, Adrian Wright, Alan Tilbury.

**Approval of 2014 minutes:** The minutes were circulated and had been available on the web-site.

Minutes approved Prop Anne Davey,  
Sec. Joan Woodman.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Treasurers Report:** Paul circulated copies of his report. He highlighted parts of it. The report shows a deficit of £1319.55 from last year's festival. Within the breakdown it shows that £0 is recorded for HMRC as against £578.61 from the previous year. But Paul intends to claim for 2 years next year and that should be approx £500. All the sponsorship money for the festival is now in. No insurance was paid on 1.1.15 as Paul wants to look into the need for the annual insurance that we pay as the festival only runs for 10 days. He will contact Making Music the insurers. Although the sponsorship money was up last year our donations went up by the same amount. Ticket sales show a better return than the previous year but they are still not as good as 2 years ago, the audience numbers were down. There was a lower figure for Art than last year. There was a rise in the money from Patrons but the sundries were up. We paid slightly less to performers this year. Publicity spending was up this year – due to the purchase of 5 new re-useable banners. Approx. £500 was spent on fliers – this exercise may not be repeated in the same way next year. Also the amount of brochures printed will be reduced. £600 was donated to the War Memorial event. This was a tremendously successful event due to the hard work of Peter and Simon. Thanks were given. Paul explained the fraudulent cheque issue – points 123 on his report. Though very worrying at the time the bank have now sorted the issue out and all is now as it should be. Paul re-iterated how important it is to gain more Patrons as things would be so difficult without their continued financial support. Accounts passed - Prop. Anne Davey: Sec. Hilary Wright.

A vote of thanks was given to David Hubbard who kindly signed off the accounts and to Paul for his continued hard work.

**Art Director's Report:** Gordon circulated copies of his report. He reported that feedback from the Art Exhibition was that the quality of the displayed pieces continues to improve. He continues to strive to improve the efficiency. He felt that the Art display had brought in a healthy balance and was better than 2013 when there were fewer pictures and sales. Gordon had introduced a new pricing structure – a three tiered system where the entry price for pieces of work varied according to size. This was done with a hope to keeping the number of entered pieces under control and to discourage the entry of very large paintings. Gordon felt that the system still needed tweaking. He just managed to hang every publicly entered picture but the JBS work could not be hung.

There were 2017 entries – up on 2013.

£890.00 from entry

£1933. sales from 21 pictures

Thus £193.00 commission.

£217 catalogue sales.

There were stationary costs to be taken into account before arriving at the final amount. To improve efficiency Gordon would like to review and improve the payment structure. He raised the question of insurance for the pictures as whilst in our care one picture was dropped on the hanging day and ruined. It was not covered by the festival insurance. A question is raised as to whether the artists need to have their own insurance in place.

Results of competitions:

Skylight Publishing - Alan Samuels  
Calne Artist's Award - Jim Saxton (also invited to join the Calne Artists Group)  
Young Persons - KS1 Eachen, Heddington. Reggie, St. Edmunds  
-KS2 Alistair Colgrave Holy Trinity, Blake, Heddington

Thanks were given to Lesley for organising this event.

Thanks were also given to Lydia and Mick Graham, and David Bowker-Praed for their continued constant, and invaluable exhibition support.

Art Report passed : Prop. Paul Woodman - Sec Carole Browne.

A huge thank you for all his hard work in running the Art exhibition was given to Gordon.

### **Combined President and Chairman's report:**

Due to Glenis' absence Carole read the report. Resume - 2014 was the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Calne Music and Arts Festival. This year a presentation was made to Audrey Currell, (who has stepped down from her annual duties, ) for her continued help since the festival began. The committee continually strive to arrange a varied and popular programme. This year Any Questions , The BJ Big Band and Our Town events were sell outs. There was good support from established sponsors but this year we attracted valued sponsorship from Chilvester Finance. New ventures included a 'Music In Action' production. With the help of a Heritage Lottery grant work was undertaken to involve local schools in researching and writing music on a WW1 commemoration event. There was a magnificent performance in St Mary's Church for the culmination of all the work. A new bursary was set up to enable a talented musical student – Annie Rose Cowdrey - in JBS to continue with her music lessons. Another highlight was having Judith Weir to open the 2014 festival. A previous festival Composer in Residence Judith has since risen to the dizzy heights of Master of the Queen's Music. She has, since the festival, agreed to be our Patron and hopes to revisit in 2015. The report thanks Marden House committee for the continued support and hospitality throughout the festival. It also thanks all the Festival committee members who each have a job which ensures the festival goes on and has a programme of exciting events for people to come and see, watch or listen to. 2015 Festival promises to have another exciting mix of traditional and modern music, literature and art. Glenis who has been Chairman of the committee announced that due to other commitments she would stand down in October 2015 -after the festival this year

This report was passed . Prop. Gordon Burns - Sec. Hilary Wright.

Glenis and Carole were thanked for their tireless work for the festival throughout the year.

**Resolutions:** There were none.

### **Nominations For Membership Of The Committee:**

There were no nominations for new members of the committee.

Peter read out the present members of the committee and their positions.

All the committee was re-elected . Prop Eddy Lane: Sec Diana Lowe.

**AOB** Simon was asked about this year's programme. He did not wish to disclose much but promised Theatre, Jazz and possibly a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary retrospective.

**AGM Meeting closed 8-07**