

# CALNE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

The Presidency: Carole Browne

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 7.30pm in Marden House**

**Present**

**President** – Carole Browne  
**Chairman** Hugh Pilcher – Clayton  
**Treasurer** – Maggie Garrett  
**Art Director** – Gordon Burns  
**Minutes Secretary** – Glenis Ansell  
**Music Adviser** – Simon Parker  
**Patrons Secretary** – Anne Davey

**Committee Members** – Carole Brown, Audrey Currell, Anne Davey, Leslie Hunt, Maggie Garratt.

**Other attendees** – Alan Tilbury, Hedley Ringrose, Rosemary Ringrose, Peter Grant, Bridget Sull, Lydia Graham, Herta Buckeridge, David Bowker- Praed, Jane Bowker –Praed, Bob Straker- Cook, Peter Dixon, Jackie Surman, Gill Duggan

1. **Apologies** - David & Wendy Bishop, John & Sally Reis, Jane Rowell, Gill Minter, Christopher Miles, Simon Parker, Rosie Addington, Jeremy Sidmouth, Mary Pilcher-Clayton, Edith Pearson, Ted Buckeridge.
2. **President's Welcome** - Carole welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented her first president's report which is attached.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the 2011 AGM** - the minutes of the meeting were approved.
4. **Matters Arising** – there was a request for a Boogie Woogie event but as the details had not been forwarded the event did not go ahead.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - Maggie Garrett presented the treasurer's report and expressed her thanks to David Hubbard for auditing the accounts in time for the AGM, Gordon Burns for looking after all the art department finances, Anne Davey for looking after all the patrons finances and Audrey Currell and the staff at the box office for their help with ticket sales and for dealing with all the associated banking.

Maggie explained the deficit for 2011. This is mostly due to 'Making Music' which covers insurance for the festival and returns to the Performing Arts which was paid in January 2011 for 2009/2010

For Jan – Dec 2011 accounting period 2 payments were made to Making Music amounting to approx. £700. St Mary's Church and the account for the piano tuner were also paid in 2011.

Patron's subs are down as there are fewer patrons and ticket sales were down by approx. £900 which may be due to the current economic climate. Income for the Art Department is also down £306. Additionally the cost of venues has increased, we pay £3300 for Marden House but that is still only 50% of the normal rate.

All these factors contributed to the £2000 deficit for 2011.

There is £9735.80 in the bank across the current, deposit and investment accounts. There is not Gift Aid in the accounts as it has not been claimed since 2007 and it should amount to approx. £2000.

6. **The Art Director's report - see attached** - Gordon Burns presented the Art Director's report. Due to other events the art exhibition had to be hung in one afternoon and evening so he extended his grateful thanks to all those people who helped out. On reflection the exercise was a great success so the same arrangements may be employed in future. The standard of exhibits has risen yet again – feedback has been good.

There were 30 sales this year but of a higher ticket value, amounting to £2986 which produces commission of £298.60 for festival funds. Catalogues raised £177 although there was a shortage of catalogues this year.

7. **Chairman's Report** – see attached – Hugh Pilcher-Clayton presented the Chairman's Report - there were suggestions from the floor about looking for sponsors- possibly Sainsbury's, Hills Waste or M & Co?  
Comments were also made about the poor level of coverage in the Gazette & Herald. It was suggested that we get a celebrity to open the festival so as to attract publicity.
8. **Vote on Resolutions** – there have been 2 changes to the constitution these are -
  - Members of the Committee shall be the Trustees for the charity
  - Patrons will now be known as FriendsProposed by Carole and seconded by Maggie
9. **Nominations for Membership of the Committee** – there are 2 gaps on the committee following the resignation of Joan Woodman and Sue Thornton. Peter Grant was proposed by Glenis and seconded by Lesley
10. **Election of the Committee** – the committee was re-elected on block - David Bowker Praed and seconded by Herta Buckeridge
11. **AOB** - the Boogie Woogie details will be forwarded to Hugh
12. Refreshments were served – background piano music provided by Glenis.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm