

CHOLSEY 1000 PLUS AGM MINUTES

25TH OCTOBER 2013

Present: Sue Jeffs (Chair), Estelle Browne (Secretary), Ian Wheeler, Hilda Saunders, Bett Stopp, Jenny Robson, Marilyn Dyer Lynch, Rose Noorduyn, Helen Howes, Tony Rayner, Sue Pavlovich, Henry Pavlovich, Philippa Cullen, Rosemary Byrde, Eve Evans, Colin Hardy, Brenda Broadbridge, Marian Garrett, Donna Owen.

Apologies were received from Judy Dewey (editor, The Forty), Jan Morgan, Val Bolt.

Sue Jeffs welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Despite many challenges this year, we have achieved much. Among the challenges has been loss of school for pantomime and model mania. We have also missed the contribution of key workers including George Crockett, Barbara Thom and Stuart Dewey. Thanks to Virginia Jenkins for taking over as treasurer to the publications account alongside her role as events treasurer. Thanks also to Judy and David Dewey for continuing to ensure publication of The Forty. I have taken over as advertising manager from George and Barbara, but we need new help for this and other tasks.

Thanks to Estelle Browne for continuing as secretary, James Butler for production of Welcome to Cholsey packs and all members of the committee.

We are delighted to have published Tony Rayner's book 'Winterbrook and Cholsey's East End'. We are grateful to Charles Bosher for a generous interest-free loan and a grant from the Doris Field Trust to help with this. Enormous thanks are due to Tony and to Judy and David who produced and published the book. A photo exhibition to launch the book was held at the new Cholsey Pavilion and it is now on sale for £12.50.

We have started to work in partnership with Vance Briggs to launch the new Cholsey.info website. This shows everything that is happening in Cholsey.

There have been three bumper issues of The Forty this year. Circulation has increased to 1900 with the addition of many new homes. Again, thanks to Judy and David for keeping the magazine going.

It has been a good year for working in partnership with other village groups: a barn dance to celebrate the opening of the new Pavilion held as a joint event with the Cholsey Pavilion Trust. We have held joint events with the Cholsey Community Development Trust including May Day and a Children's fun day.

On international Dawn Chorus Day a group led by Tony Rayner did an early morning walk along the river.

We supported the school on their sponsored walk by providing refreshments and individual certificates for all the children involved. Thanks to Marilyn Dyer-Lynch for personalising all the certificates.

The Christmas Arts & Crafts Have A Go Day was moved to the Scout Hall and this proved to be a preferred venue for stallholders and visitors.

Santa was happy to call at Cholsey Meadows as well as The Forty enabling even more children to share their hopes and dreams with him. Despite the weather and having to move indoors, Carols on the Forty was well attended.

The concerts in St. Mary's Church were varied and successful. Thanks to Ian Wheeler for organising these.

Although unable to produce a full scale panto this year, the Pantoloons presented a lively and fun Christmas Review at the Old School instead.

Another successful Welly Walk was held on New Year's Day thanks to Jenny Robson and Joan Brett.

Finally thanks go to everyone who has helped make this another vibrant year in Cholsey. We do desperately need more people to join 1000 Plus bringing new ideas, energy and enthusiasm. We are a very friendly group that only exists to organise fun events and make Cholsey a great place to live.

FINANCES

No.1 Account: Due to lack of facilities we were unable to hold our main fund raising events and so ended the year with a fairly large deficit. However, there was still a full programme with Have A Go Day, Christmas Review and a Barn Dance all showing a profit. The coronation concert was also a financial success, although the blues and the St. James' Singer concerts both ran at a loss. Despite the deficit, we were still able to make donations of £470 to local organisations.

No.2 Account: Having taken over as treasurer for publications halfway through the year, it has been interesting to learn more about the workings of the magazine and the careful balancing act that goes on between income from adverts and publication costs. This year, due to two very large issues we have overspent by approximately £200. The major investment was Tony's book and sales at the end of the year total just over £2000. Sales continue steadily and it is hoped to repay the loan by the end of 2013. Other publications continue to provide a small but welcome income.

Thanks are due to Clare Moroney for auditing the accounts.

Sue thanked Virginia for her considerable work in keeping the accounts. It was proposed by Ian Wheeler, seconded by Helen Howes and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted.

FORTY AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

It has been good to receive a lot of articles for this year's issues. Having taken an increased involvement Sue now knows just how much work is involved with both copy and advertisers. A huge thanks was expressed to Judy and David for taking over from Stuart and ensuring that the magazine continued to thrive. Bumper issues are great, but they do mean production costs more. We therefore need to increase income without putting pressure on advertisers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sue agreed to stand as chair for another year and there were no other nominations. It was therefore proposed by Estelle Browne, seconded by Rose Noorduyn and unanimously agreed that Sue take the chair for the next year. Other officers will be elected at the next committee meeting. Hopefully the vice chair will become 'chair in waiting'. It was proposed by Philippa Cullen, seconded by Tony Rayner and unanimously agreed that the committee, along with Jennie Kent, be elected 'en bloc'.

Sue was thanked for her hard work in steering the Committee through the past year.