

**Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society
Held on Saturday 7th September 2013 in Gloucester**

Present

Allan Swales, Alice Harrall, Atsufumi Ujiie, Donald Reid, Catherine Cruise, Chris Walker, Dick Bagwell, Lola and Chuck Wilcox, David Wright, Mary-Jo Searle, John Patcai, Andy Richards, Barry Lloyd, Rob and Gillian Guest, Steve Rowley, Gwilym Davies, Bill Tuck, Alberto Jambrina, Rachel Frost

Apologies

Bob Tyson, Rebecca Parris, Frances Tucker, Tony Pearson

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record

Matters Arising

Steve encouraged members to send any paper archive material to Rebecca.

Treasurer's Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013
Accepted (Steve/Barry)

Chairman's Report

Steve presented his report

Election of Officers

Chair – Steve Rowley
Treasurer – Rob Guest
Secretary – Gillian Guest
Director of Symposium – Bill Tuck
Archivist – Rebecca Parris
Marketing Officer – Catherine Cruise
Digital Archivist - vacant

It was agreed that further committee members should be co-opted as and when necessary.

Andy Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for running the society. (seconded Mary-Jo)

The business of the AGM being completed, the meeting closed at 4.15pm and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS

General Meeting

Present – personnel as above plus Carol Davies and Barbara Tuck

Future Festivals

The meeting agreed to continue with Gloucester as the venue for IPATF for the foreseeable future, to coincide with Gloucester Day. This is the first Saturday in September. Other day or weekend gatherings elsewhere may still be arranged.

Workshops and Supporting Materials

These have been held at various places including Sidmouth and Gloucester, and are going well. There has been good feedback from the YouTube workshops, and it was suggested that there

may be a need to develop intermediate workshops too. Suggestions were made to hold workshops at Cecil Sharp House, where the education section often holds 6-week courses. Mailshots could be sent to early music groups. It was also suggested that a workshop on running a workshop might be useful!

2014 York Mystery Plays

The organisers are keen for us to be involved again, especially as we have been the only group who have played music of the mediaeval era for the wagon plays. The plays will be acted on successive weekends, 13th and 20th July. Steve is keen for us to hold pipe and tabor events during the intervening week, ideas including workshops, a concert of music for the Mystery Plays (including other instruments) and English music up to the mid 16th century.

Other Festivals and Events

Tony Pearson is organising an Eel Day event in Ely.

We have also had invitations to the Jack in the Green festival in Hastings.

Steve, Andy and Fiz will be attending the Arbucies festival later in the year.

New member Gez who lives in York is keen to organise a gathering there possibly in February, which was welcomed.

It was suggested that the website should have a P&T calendar to list festivals, weekend events etc.

Our Profile on the Internet

This was agreed to be increasingly important. The TTS website needs to be tidied to make it clearer. The separate festival site has been found to be very confusing this year for visitors trying to identify events. Steve asked members to contribute good quality material for the site – sound files, photos etc.

There are still the 2 Yahoo groups, the TTS one and the public one based in the USA. There is also a Yahoo group in Spanish.

There are also 2 Facebook sites – a TTS one and a Festival one.

Gwilym noted that there is also the Myspace site, and wondered whether anyone now actually used it.

Folk Museum Exhibition

The museum is in the process of redesigning the space where the p&t display case is situated.

The case itself is in a very parlous state. Steve suggested that anyone with an artefact for the display could arrange for the Society to loan it to the museum, so that, should anything happen to the museum, the object will not be lost.

Any Other Business

TTS Banner

David asked Steve to let him have the logo etc for the banner in electronic form, and Steve agreed to do this. He will then obtain quotes for production.

Publishing Papers

Steve will establish the format for publishing papers that have been given at the symposium. They may be peer-reviewed and open access. He is keen to have them as an e-book.

Carles Mas

Bill and Barbara are hoping to arrange for Carles Mas to run his 5-day course at Headington School in Oxford from 12th – 17th August 2014. The course will cost £570, fully residential, all-in. Both Carles and the price are to be confirmed, and a minimum number of participants will be necessary for it to be viable. Bill will email members about this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.00p.m.