

## **Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society Held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in York**

The meeting began at 1.40p.m.

### Present

Andy Richards, Gez Pegram, David Bush, Donald Reid, Fiz Markham, Brad Chick, Elizabeth Christina, Lynn Willson, Viv Stamford, Peter Kanssen, Mary-Jo Searle, Bob Tyson, Rebecca Parris, Bill Tuck, Barbara Segal, Bill Marshall, Rob Guest, Gillian Guest

### Apologies

Clive Du'Mont, Terry Carter, John Puntis, Steve Rowley, Caroline Leprette, Helen Clark, Tim Lux, Caroline and Chris Shaw, Atsufumi Ujii, Sachi Yamaguchi, Helen Richards, Peter Barnard, Grace Williams, Jeremy Monson, Rachel Cole-Williams, George Twitchin,

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record. (MJ/Lynn)

### Matters Arising

Clive sent a report that there has been little activity on the Morris directory in the past year, but new entries are always welcome..

### Treasurer's Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. He explained that we are now subject to bank charges from HSBC monthly, plus charges for cheque transactions. It was suggested we should change banks, but a number of members described their experiences with the bureaucracy and the frustrations of doing so, and the general consensus was to stay with HSBC. Accounts accepted (Gez/Bob)

The meeting expressed thanks to Rob for his work as treasurer.

### Chairman's Report

Andy was again very pleased to see the way members have responded to the challenges of the pandemic by improving technology skills and attending online events with super music; and the society continues to grow, with members now in 19 countries. He reported that in his sixth year as chairman he has

again very much appreciated the support and work of members, including Steve, Bill, Gez, Fiz, Clive, Ollie, Matt, Grace, Dennis, Terry, Atsu, Rob and Gillian.

A highlight was our third online festival in September 2021. Bill organised a very interesting Symposium "The Colourful World of the Taborer", with contributions from the UK and Italy, with 125 views within 9 months. We had a very productive beginners' workshop, and other stimulating workshops included a Morris Jig workshop from Ollie, and Divisions from Gez. We also had an interesting Taborers in Conversation involving John Jenner, Ollie, and Andy of Cambridge Morris and Travelling Morrice about significant Taborers. The Concert was once more a good mix of pieces showcasing our instrument.

The Winter Warmer in Feb 2022 was also online. It included a Taborers' Morris Ale led by Ollie, workshops "Playing Melodies Musically" with Terry, and "Taboring for Pavan" with Gillian. The Concert was another nice blend of pieces.

We have continued our monthly online sessions, with regular attendance at outrageously early times from Elizabeth Christina, and a great mix of taborers from different countries. In April we had our first physical event since the Covid-19 epidemic started, the Guildford Gathering based on the Summerpole first celebrated in Tudor times. We had workshops and the fun of performing in the historic centre.

Many thanks to Gez our local organizer for this Festival and Bill our Symposium director.

### Election of Officers

The present officers were willing to continue to serve, and were elected en bloc: (MJ/Bob)

Chair – Andy Richards  
Treasurer – Rob Guest  
Secretary – Gillian Guest  
Director of Symposium – Bill Tuck  
Archivist – Rebecca Parris  
Youth liaison – Ollie Simons

The meeting then held a short silence to remember Chris Walker who has recently died, and to think about 3 members who are ill, Terry Carter, Steffan Lloyd and Gwilym Davies

The business of the AGM being completed, the meeting closed at 2.10p.m. and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS

## **General Meeting**

Present – personnel as above.

### Review of Virtual Activities

It was noted that during lockdown, the virtual meetings were a boon, but that now, people have more busy lives and attendance at the monthly zoom sessions is smaller. Terry Carter is unable to attend this IPATF and asked the meeting to consider a parallel live zoom for at least the AGM. This was not possible this year because the wi-fi at the Black Swan could not support it. In the ensuing discussion it was stated that having the Symposium on zoom could be easier than running the AGM that way. Our YouTube channel is also a possibility, with questions using Youtube chat facility. It was noted that any virtual meeting might enable overseas members or contributors to participate.

### A Winter Meet

Bill suggested that we might like to hold the winter warmer in conjunction with the Commedia again, in Rotherhithe. The date is not yet fixed, but will be in February. There was general support for this.

### Future Festivals

The 2023 festival will be held in Grantham, where Matt Simons has offered to organise events. It is planned to have a Morris/early dance theme. As that area has a number of examples, it was suggested having a tour of local iconography of pipe and tabor..

Proposed dates: 15-17 September 2023

### Any Other Business

#### A low G pipe

Terry Carter asked the Society to consider buying a low G pipe so that a full consort of tabor pipes could be played. This was considered to be a niche situation, and difficulties would arise over who would be the keeper and how it might be accessed by whoever needed it for an occasion. As we have borrowed G pipes previously, it was decided that we should enquire what can be done for future events.

#### TTS website

Brad Chick raised the subject of the website, as every time he goes to it, Norton tells him that it is a dangerous site. Andy said that Steve is updating the security, and Andy will pass this difficulty on to him.

#### T-shirts

Barbara asked whether the society was planning to print more t-shirts. It was mentioned that the ladies would prefer a more fitted, lady's style. Rob pointed out the disadvantage is having to stock a range of sizes and colours. At the moment Steve owns the logo, but if it were available to TTS members, individuals could arrange to have their own chosen style of t-shirt printed. Andy will approach Steve to discuss whether he might lodge the image on the website, or alternatively that the society might buy the image from him to make it available to members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.50pm.