

Annual General Meeting of The Taborers Society
Held on Saturday 14th August 2010 at 6.00pm in Gloucester

Present

Andy Richards, Fiz Markham, Geoff Huggins, Bob Tyson, Rebecca Parris, David and Sheila Wright, Chris Walker, Clive DuMont, Rob and Gillian Guest, Frances Tucker, Steve Rowley, Gwilym and Carol Davies, Bill Tuck, Donald Reid, Steffan LLwyd, Tony and Jean Pearson, Alberto Jambrina Leal, Karol Kočík, Ondrej Selecky, Atsufumi Ujiiie

Apologies

Terry Carter, Dennis Sherman

Minutes of the last meeting

With a correction in the spelling of Gwilym's surname, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record (Bob/Andy)

Matters Arising

The weekend meeting in Lancaster in February was a most successful and enjoyable event. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Bob and Rebecca who organised it.

Following the suggestion of a membership leaflet, TTS business cards were printed. Members were encouraged to take a number each. More can be obtained from the secretary.

Steve reported that the website is being overhauled
The meeting recorded its gratitude to Rod Stradling for running the website.

Treasurer's Report

Rob presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2010
Accepted

Chairman's Report

Steve presented his report

Election of Officers

Chair – Steve Rowley (Andy/Bill)

Treasurer – Rob Guest (Carol/Donald)

Secretary – Gillian Guest (Steve/Gwilym)

Director of Symposium – Gwilym Davies (Andy/Frances)

Co-opted general member – Bill Tuck (Steve/Bob)

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

New posts were suggested for an Archivist and a Marketing officer

An archivist was deemed desirable to document TTS activities, i.e. the archives should be of present activities rather than past history of the p&t. In 1950s "The

Pipers' Guild" existed as a group, but without leaving any archives there may be no record of this society or its activities.

Rebecca volunteered to hold a paper archive

Steve will approach Dennis to discuss keeping an electronic archive

A marketing officer was considered desirable to continue to get TTS more widely known. Steve will discuss this with individuals.

Andy Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for running the society.

The business of the AGM being completed, the meeting closed at 7.10pm and was immediately followed by a general meeting of TTS

Present – personnel as above

Activities 2010 – 2011

The venue for the 2011 festival was discussed and it was suggested it be held in Gloucester again. The scope for other meetings was discussed and various suggestions were made – the Horniman Museum, Ashmolean, Cecil Sharp House; or linking with another festival e.g. the Early Music festival at Greenwich; or basing it round a source of information that we might not otherwise get to see, e.g. the Lancaster museum. Hereford and Worcester have expressed an interest in further links with the three choirs festival, but members did not feel this was a good idea.

Gloucester Folk Museum and TTS are preparing a joint application for lottery funding for a national tabor pipe collection to be developed here. If this is successful, a TTS festival to launch it would be appropriate.

Workshops and Festivals

Sidmouth was well attended.

David is happy to organise an event at Chippenham folk festival.

If an offer was made to run a workshop at Greenwich, Andy might be able to run it.

Draft P&T Compendium

Frances is working on her project, but welcomed input from anyone with information to add. She is now working at the British Museum on costumes, which has given her access to more p&t data.

Frances has produced a banner which members can borrow for parades etc.

Frances suggested a p&t web ring be developed and this was thought to be a good idea by the meeting.

Websites

Steve asked for ideas for the redesigning of the website. He intends to produce a brief by the end of September and Rod will do the redesign.