

Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting Of The Taborers Society  
Held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the Conservative Club, Gloucester

Present

Richard Sermon, Frances Tucker, Steve Turner, Gwilym Davies, Carol Davies, Gillian Guest, Rob Guest, Steve Rowley, Mark Whitcombe, Cathy Whitcombe, Terry Carter, Geoff Huggins, Donald Reid, Mary-Jo Searle, Rebecca Parris, Bob Tyson, Bill Tuck, Andy Richards, Jim Gailer

1. Apologies - Ronnie Day, Dennis Sherman,
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were read. One typographical error was noticed – EFDSS for EDFSS
3. Matters arising  
Investigations had been made into obtaining PLI by joining other organisations. As Rob is able to obtain PLI at a very advantageous rate through NFU (National Farmers Union) joining another organisation has not been pursued.
4. Treasurer's report  
Rob presented his report. He noted that despite having the costs of hosting the Bal de Bastons, the St Albans festival broke even. Formerly Steve has bought a supply of Generation pipes to sell; the Society now undertakes to do this.

The treasurer's report was accepted (Steve/Gwilym)

5. Chairman's report  
Steve presented his report.  
He noted that TTS continues to develop, with growing membership. The 2007 festival in St Albans was a very different festival from any previous TTS festival, being a major exercise in partnership with a number of organisations and 4 dance sides. Gwilym has continued to arrange the symposium and Rod Stradling has taken over the web development. 2009 will be our 10<sup>th</sup> festival and Steve expressed a wish to celebrate this with a more substantial festival and symposium.

6. Election of Officers

The current office holders were re-elected unopposed.

Chair – Steve Rowley

Treasurer – Rob Guest

Secretary – Gillian Guest

Steve agreed to remain chairman of TTS for one more year but wishes to step down then so that TTS may change.

Bill Tuck and Gwilym Davies agreed to continue as co-opted committee members.

It was noted that PR and publishing help is needed.

Terry Carter agreed to be the festival director for Lichfield as he is local to the city.

Help can be requested via the website.

#### 7. Activities in 2008, 2009 and beyond

A Morris Workshop has been arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Pitchcombe village hall

The Lichfield Mystery plays will be presented on May 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 09 (bank holiday weekend). TTS aims to have a presence at this event

The Lichfield Festival is 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July. It is suggested that TTS may hold our festival there in conjunction with this. There is a mediaeval market on Saturday and a good number of Morris sides attend, which was considered to be potentially good.

Lichfield also holds a Folk Festival.

In 2010 the York mystery plays should be presented again, but this may be in doubt because of potential lack of Arts Council funding

St Albans are keen for TTS to hold a festival there again, in conjunction with other events.

#### 8. Any Other Business

Gwilym has set up a Myspace website for taborers, but has not developed it yet. He hopes that it may attract new members to TTS.

The Lichfield festival organisers have requested flyers. Gwilym and Carol volunteered to organise this.

Contributions for the website should be sent to Steve or Rob who are both in contact with Rod Stradling.

The publishing of symposium talks was discussed. Richard Sermon will advise on copyright issues.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.