

WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of the Committee Meeting held on 7 January 2014

1 Christmas Dinner - Postponed from 5 December 2013, rearranged for 10 January

1.1 Unfortunately Rowley Manor suffered a power cut on 5 December so our Christmas Dinner had had to be cancelled. The Dinner had been rearranged for 10 January 2014, with about 25 people due to attend.

2 St David's Day Dinner - Saturday, 1 March 2014 - Rowley Manor

2.1 Rowley Manor had been very busy recently but had promised to provide Roger and Anne with the proposed menu for the St David's Day Dinner in time for it to be made available to members at the Film Evening on 17 January. Roger and Anne also liaising with venue on other details.

2.2 The detailed arrangements were discussed and it was agreed who would do what. Committee members agreed to provide the raffle prizes.

3 St David's Day Service

3.1 Roger to liaise with the Church via Eunice and Byron and at the Society meetings on 17 January and 21 February to ask for volunteers to make Welsh Cakes for after the service.

4 Choir Concert and Workshop 2017

4.1 John has e-mailed the City of Culture team twice with the suggestion that the Society might be willing to organise a Male Voice Concert in Hull in 2017 as its contribution to the Year but has not received a reply. It is possible that there might be some modest funding under City of Culture which he will also pursue. He also suggested that an eminent performer, eg Aled Jones, Catherine Jenkins, might be persuaded to come at no cost to us, the kudos of association with City of Culture being ample reward. Another thought was to find a choir who might have eminent soloists associated with them that would be willing to come. Members have already been asked to let John know if they have any suitable contacts. He had thought about holding the concert in Hull during the "Swansea week" with a choir from the Swansea area but had come to the conclusion that there was a risk that the Society did all the work but did not receive the recognition.

4.2 Alwyn had made a tentative, non-committal approach to Côr y Penrhyn about the concert. They would be willing to do so and have also offered a sort of Cymanfa Ganu, possibly at the Beverley Arms, although it is small, on the Friday evening prior to the concert on Saturday. For this their fee would be £3,500 (in 2014 terms). They suggested the Saturday closest to St David's Day which would mean organising and selling tickets for two events at the same time as the St David's Day Dinner. Further

consideration is required. It was agreed to start putting funds raised from raffles into the Choir Fund to go towards the City of Culture event in 2017.

4.3 John to seek the views of members at the meeting on 17 January.

5 Programme 2013 - 14

5.1 President's Evening 11 April 2014 - Nesta reported that no information was yet available but that details would be circulated in due course.

5.2 Summer Event - Members had requested a summer event at Rowley, perhaps a lunch or afternoon tea with croquet. Roger to pursue.

6 Any Other Business

6.1 Treasurer's Report - John tabled details of the latest financial position which remained healthy. Current membership now stands at 51, with 12 new members this year.

6.2 Publicity - Jo reported that she was continuing to develop Facebook and Twitter and would be adding details of the next two events shortly. She would also notify local rugby clubs and school staff rooms. Marian to prepare and circulate poster for the 21 February meeting.

7 Date of Next Meeting - Friday 21 February, 6.30 pm at Beverley Arms.