

THE WELSH SOCIETY OF HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE
Notes of Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2016

1 Matters arising from the previous meeting

- 1.1 Nev had written to John McKay of the Scots Society of St Andrew, sympathetic to the problem of getting people willing to contribute but also indicating that the Welsh Society is still recruiting members. Nev had not written an article for the Journal and it was agreed that this was no longer needed at this time.
- 1.2 Roger reported that alterations to the University's Middleton Hall were still ongoing. It was agreed that, even if the alterations were complete, this venue was not suitable for a Welsh Society concert because the University would not guarantee availability for outside organisations.

2 Review of Christmas Dinner, Friday, 4 December 2015, Ferguson Fawsitt

- 2.1 It was agreed that the food was much better than the previous venue although the ambience was less good. Staff were very accommodating and there were no complaints. Nesta had sent photos to Jo for uploading to Facebook.

3 St David's Day Dinner, Saturday, 27 February 2016, Ferguson Fawsitt

- 3.1 It was noted that, via email, it had been agreed that the price charged per person should be £28 (£25 for meal plus £2 for official guests' meals plus £1 for staff tips).
- 3.2 Nev reported that he had written to the Minister of Cottingham Road Baptist Church, inviting him and his wife to join us for dinner. Nev to follow up.
- 3.3 The programme for the evening was finalised. Marian to amend accordingly.
- 3.4 Julie had volunteered to organise the flowers.
- 3.5 Harpist(s) while members assemble. Nev had left a message asking Rachel Jerome to contact him but had received no response. Nev now to contact Cerys via her parents' email address to ask whether she could play for us. A fee of £25 was agreed.
- 3.6 Nev had arranged for Dave Thomas to sing and play his harp as after-dinner entertainment. It was agreed that he and Jackie would not be charged for their meals.
- 3.7 Nesta would be collating menu choices for this event. She would ask Margaret whether she wished to organise the seating plan again and, if not, Nesta would do it. Place cards had been computerised by Marian and finalised by Anne and were available for most people. Nesta to let Anne have final list of names.
- 3.8 Marian to ask Eunice whether she would be willing to be responsible for the raffle and the raffle tickets to be placed under the ladies' side plates for the table flowers.
- 3.9 Committee members were invited to donate a nice raffle prize.
- 3.10 Nesta to provide bilingual Thank You cards for Treasurer to include with any cheques as appropriate for any Society event.
- 3.11 Wine list – Put with table plan and also on each table.
- 3.12 Nesta **plus any volunteers please?** to decorate the room on the afternoon of the dinner.

4 St David's Day Service, Sunday 28 February 2016. Cottingham Road Baptist Church

- 4.1 Nev had made arrangements for the Society to attend Cottingham Road on 28 February and would finalise the details with the Minister.

5 Refreshments for visit of Priory Park Singers, 18 March 2016

- 5.1 Marian to finalise arrangements for this event.

6 Games Night, 15 April 2016

- 6.1 Merle outlined her plans for the Games Night which were approved.

7 Choir Concert 2017

- 7.1 Information received from Hull, City of Culture, was that organisations should go ahead and arrange their events. Hopefully, these events would be publicised under the City of Culture banner. Beverley was now to be included.
- 7.2 Some time previously Alwyn had been in touch with Côr y Penrhyn who had indicated they would be willing to come again. In addition to a concert, the choir had offered an informal sing-along event and an afternoon workshop for youngsters. However, it was agreed that the Society would not take up the offer of the sing-along or the workshop but would simply like a concert. Nev now to contact the choir as soon as possible to find a date.
- 7.3 Getting a venue in Hull in 2017 would be difficult. The choir liked Toll Gavel Church as a venue. The facilities at the back were good. Many people bought tickets from Beverley Tourist Information Office nearby. For these reasons it was decided to use the same venue again.
- 7.4 Merle asked which organisation would be given the monies raised from the concert. She suggested donating to Macmillan Cancer Research as a worthy recipient. John indicated that most charities to which the Society had donated monies in the past had done very little to help and had not sold many concert tickets. However, for the last concert we worked with Age UK who had been very helpful with a lot of publicity, designs, tickets, etc. For this reason he recommended working with them again.

8 Income & Expenditure 2015–16 to date

- 8.1 John explained details which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

9 Subscriptions 2015-16

- 9.1 There were currently 51 members in the Society. John to remind those who had not paid.

10 Summer Meetings

- 10.1 North Cave Wetlands. Nev to arrange a conducted visit with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, preferably a morning visit, finishing with optional bacon butties.
- 10.2 Eddie Evans had offered to organise a Crown Green Bowls with afternoon tea event at Willerby. Marian to ask Eddie to proceed with arrangements.
- 10.3 Julie had suggested a visit to Saltmarshe Hall, beside the Humber, near Howden. Marian and Julie to investigate this possibility.

11 Any Other Business

- 11.1 Roger asked for feedback on Michelle Morris's presentation on her Marathon des Sables which she gave for the President's Evening. It was agreed that the talk about this remarkable feat of endurance had been extremely interesting and enjoyable. Roger to write and thank Michelle.

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