

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2011 AT THE GEORGE AND DRAGON, UPTON, AT 7.30 PM.

Those present were: Acting Chairman - Betty Kendrick, Honorary Treasurer - Keith Walton, June Little, Tony and Bridget Pickup. Also present were John Baile, Sheila Taylor and Mary Wiley, and Ted Kendrick,

Apologies were received from: Honorary Secretary Hazel Rack, Marion Judd, Mike Parker and Robert Griffiths.

Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes were read and approved.

Acting Chairman's Report

Copy attached.

The report was adopted with one amendment. The judging for the Madge Trophy was held in April 2010 not May 2010.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

Keith reported that the total balance at bank, including a profit of £167.33p made on the St. George's Day Supper, was £1542.92p. Keith also reported that he had had another booking for the marquee but was concerned that the hirer would need help erecting the marquee to avoid damaging it. Much discussion followed and it was agreed that there should be a leasing form set up to ensure that if any damage occurred whilst on hire the hirer be responsible for cost of repair.

The donation of a metal storage box and straps for storage of the marquee and Keith's sterling work as our Treasurer was much appreciated, and our thanks to him heartily endorsed by everyone. It was also agreed that a gift of wine should be made to Robert Griffiths in appreciation of all his work in repairing the marquee.

Election of Officers and Committee

All officers and committee members formally stepped down. Nominations were taken as follows.

<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
Peter Mitchell	Betty Kendrick	Bridget Pickup
Marion Judd	Bridget Pickup	Betty Kendrick
Mike Parker	Betty Kendrick	Keith Walton
Hazel Rack	Val Walton	Betty Kendrick
Keith Walton	June Little	Ted Kendrick
June Little	Betty Kendrick	Ted Kendrick
Bridget Pickup	Val Walton	Betty Kendrick
Tony Pickup	Betty Kendrick	Ted Kendrick
Robert Griffiths	June Little	Bridget Pickup
John Baile	Betty Kendrick	Bridget Pickup
Betty Kendrick	Tony Pickup	Keith Walton
Ted Kendrick	Bridget Pickup	Val Walton
Val Walton	Betty Kendrick	Tony Pickup

There being no other nominations the above were elected. Betty will continue as Acting Chairman, with Ted's help. Keith will continue in his role as Honorary Treasurer and it was hoped that Hazel will continue to act as our Honorary Secretary. John Baile was welcomed onto the committee and it was hoped that Robert Griffiths will agree to join us.

Tony expressed the thanks of members of the Association to June for arranging for Wesley Smith and Geraldine Peers to come and judge this year's Dragon Competition - it had really put the village on the map!

June agreed to contact Wesley Smith to act as judge for the Madge trophy in September.

Village History Group:

Sheila Taylor of the Village History Group was then invited to say a few words. She explained that members of her group wished to hold a Village Archive Day with afternoon tea available, and wondered if Village Association members would help with this event. Members agreed to help provide a cream tea, and also the use of the marquee. The suggested date is Sunday, 25th September.

Future Events:

It was agreed to leave this to be discussed at the next meeting. Date to be arranged.

Any Other Business:

There being no further business, Betty thanked everyone for coming and for all their support and hard work over the last year. Then we all partook of a delicious supper not forgetting the wine!

Betty Kendrick

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Since our last Annual General Meeting in March 2010, we have met regularly and organised 5 events for the participation and enjoyment of our villagers.

First of all, the second celebration of St. George's Day was once again a tremendous success in every way. We received heartwarming support from the village with some 28 dragons prowling about the village. But it is Mike's Dragon in the pond that sets the scene and inspires others to follow. We achieved our goal with coverage, far and wide, in the press and on local radio. Over 50 guests enjoyed a Celebration Supper of West Hagbourne Dragon and Woad Salad - Bridget's inspired choice!

The judging of the best village garden took place in May, and the Madge Trophy was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen of York Farm.

A Supper and Skittles Evening was held in November at Upton Village Hall with everyone enjoying a delicious supper of jacket potatoes with a myriad of fillings!

Then just a few weeks ago, in April, we celebrated not only St. George's Day but also the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The village rose to the challenge and the judges, Geraldine Peers and Wesley Smith, were amazed at the ingenuity of the dragon makers. Part of Wesley Smith's Sunday programme was devoted to the West Hagbourne Dragons! I must mention that Mike's dragon had laid 2 eggs, so we are looking forward, expectantly to next year!!!

On the 21st of May, a Lasagne Supper was held at Upton Village Hall to celebrate 3 events - St. George's Day, The Royal Wedding and the 90th Birthday of the Royal British Legion. The good food, Eva Pinkava's choir and Malcolm Brownsword's film of every competing dragon made it a wonderfully happy enjoyable evening. The raffle raised £93.60 to be divided between the charities Help for Heroes and the Royal British Legion.

There was concern about the use of the Village Association's marquee following unreported damage by a user, and it has been agreed that it should only be used by villagers. A new letting form has been set up and is already in use. Our thanks are due to Keith for his hard work in ensuring the marquee has been repaired and can be stored safely.

Everyone has worked together to make it another successful, but more importantly a happy year for this Village Association. Thankyou all so very much for everything each of you has done to make it so.

Betty Kendrick.