

**RYBURN 3 STEP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – 103 Oldham Road, Ripponden.**

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

John Adams took the Chair and welcomed everybody to the AGM.

**PRESENT**

Chris Coe	Sue Coe	Linda Kemp
Liz Cryer	Gill Baldwin	Adrian Jackson
Steve Harrison	Pete Coe	Pauline Jones
Kathy Bugg	Sue Burgess	Margaret Watt
Bernie Bertola	Miriam Asquith	Hazel Piggott
John Adams	Angela Evans	Peter Rushworth
Janet Bertola	Stephen Jones	Dave White

**APOLOGIES**

David Kidman  
Annie Dearman

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

Accepted as accurate apart from a couple of typographical errors.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Sue mentioned that we are monitoring the situation with regard to Charity Law in an attempt for clarity with regard to our Constitution. Guidance has not been clarified as yet. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation or CIO documentation has still not been published although it was initially promised for February 2008

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR (Chris Coe)**

Thank you for coming and helping us celebrate. I really look forward to our June Report and AGM as they make for a very special occasion. It's as if we gather together all the stuff that we have done over the year, all the learning, researching, rehearsal and performance, all the new ideas, the shared or private experiences and all the fresh creativity that we bring to our traditional material. We scoop it up and bring it here on this one night.

I feel as if we "tell our year's story to the shop"

We sit inside our circle of activities and gather the year together into a central bundle so that we can all see and share the goodies. It's also an evening when we can look forward to our two months' summer break - and we need it, with the amount of events that we organise!

Our groups and events and all our R3S thanks are set out in the Annual Report put together by Sue Coe (Superwoman!!) Thanks to her we can see what we've done, in painstaking detail and feel proud of the outcome. We receive so much support and help

over the course of the year and its **ALL** Voluntary work - see the Hours list in the Annual Report.

**CORE PROGRAMME:** - was as multi-various as ever.

### **Monthly Barn Dances at Waring Green**

Excellent range of bands and more already booked. Huge thanks to Geoff, Maureen and the Community Centre. It was good to be able to repay their friendship by taking our Concert Party to entertain the community and fund raise for them. A lovely night that we all enjoyed and a good chance to perform.

### **Monthly Folk Club**

Thanks to our extremely fine and dedicated floor singers and an inspired choice of guests. See the new leaflet for details of the new season.

### **Annual Spring Sing at the Alma Inn**

We had Sam Lee as guest singer and presenter of fascinating old film footage. A day of quality singing and singers from all over. The Spring Sing is becoming a marker in peoples' calendars.

**New Year's Eve dance at Greenhead College** -Thanks to Annie Dearman, Steve Harrison and associated musicians.

### **Long Company Mummers' Pub Tour.**

Thanks to all the venues and organisers who make us so welcome, particularly to Tim, Lindsey and the staff at the Bridge in Ripponden, who welcome our Monday music sessions and final night of Long Company tour and to Dave and Glen at the Alma for aiding and abetting us many times over the course of our year. We had a wonderful Long Company band this year. Thanks to John Allport for the lamps and Dave Hunt for the pyrotechnics etc.

This is such a powerful community way of starting the New Year - a real "feel good" time.

### **WEEKLY CLASSES**

All our classes are thriving.

### **English Clog Dance**

Margaret Watts is now teaching us two dances and we have Gill Baldwin, the genius musician.

### **Appalachian Stepping**

Jake is teaching the Senior group, with Sue doing the beginners. However, Dan Eccles, has moved on, to Leeds University.

### **Longsword**

Thanks particularly to Pauline Jones, Longsword co-ordinator and teacher for her splendid work during rehearsals and performances.

### **Singers' Group**

Zonia Binns and Pete Coe have led some sessions. We have recorded a song for a play and have sung out at Concert Parties. Berni and Dave, from the Singers' Group have passed the Audition for a production chair at WYPH.

Reading through the Report, my impression of the past R3S year is that we have **REACHED OUT** more but also **DRAWN IN** more new people than ever. **WE HAVE OPENED OUT AND SHARED OUR** tunes, songs and dances by our performances at community Concert Parties and other public shows, schools' performances and quality teaching and organisation have given us quality audiences/attendees. Feed back has been rich, constructive and useful.

The unique quality and far-ranging subject matter of some of our events, particularly the Moving On Workshop series has drawn in a wide range of people.

### **Moving On Workshops**

I led a "Telling a Story in Song" day which was attended by singers from Sheffield and Manchester.

John Adams and Chris Partington's **Day of Tunes for Dancing** attracted a large group of people including students from the Newcastle Folk Degree Course and music students from Huddersfield University.

Janet Kerr's **Banjo Day** attracted L Plate players from Salford University and from as far away as Stroud.

We are fast developing a reputation for odd, interesting sessions presented in a careful, skilled way and a lot of fun. Basic good ideas! Attendees have frequently kept in touch with fellow obsessives met at these sessions. These days have been richly enjoyable social occasions.

The wide age-range of our group is also very satisfying. The Longsword team continues to recruit lots of younger dancers and redress the balance of us oldies in the R3S but we are also now attracting younger musicians. Next .... We need the young singers.

*(Pete teaches Folk song at Huddersfield University Music Department and in schools.  
Chris is tutor on the Newcastle Folk Degree Course  
Sue :- Dance in Schools)*

### **Mali Project**

Via Ben Holt and Lucy Adams we maintain links with the African Workshop Project run by Amadou and his musicians/makers, feeding and teaching the local kids their traditions - songs, dances and craft skills.

### **NEXT YEAR**

More of the same - see the new leaflet.

- We are having increased contact with the Square Chapel. They have said that they will book Folk Groups that we cannot, physically, accommodate.

- More Concert Party Performances - Hebden Bridge Historical Society sent Annie information about one of her songs following our concert party there - interacting with community groups.
- I am still hankering after a singing swaps and shares group alongside Sue Burgess.
- Christian Weaver for the autumn with Polyrhythmic Percussion.
- We hope to extend the Moving On sessions to include not only participatory workshops but extending into lecture presentations by interesting people - Ideas please.

Thanks to various people:-

Sylvia Needham who has now mainly bowed out due to lack of time  
Annie Dearman who comes to Committee meetings when matters arise, particularly to do with artwork and the look of things.

Pauline Jones for being longsword co-ordinator, teacher and choreographer  
Sue Burgess for programming our hugely successful Folk Club Christmas Party and we would like to extend an invitation to her to sit in on any Committee Meetings in the future.

Committee

Gill Baldwin - Vice Chair, publicity and very special dance musician

Liz Cryer - Secretary (including e-mail mail outs)

Linda Kemp - Treasurer

John Adams - Website manager and Radio Phoenix show designer and presenter, every last Sunday in the month.

Pete Coe - Folk Club and Dance guest booking ( More help needed in hosting the dance bands on the night at Waring Green and help setting up the Folk Club room at the Alma)

Sue Coe - Funding and lots of other things

Pete and Sue for our Home base.

John Adams is retiring from work at Salford University and will be more available to contribute.

Finally, thanks to you all, whatever you do. We would not exist if you didn't support us and use what we offer. Let us know what you like and what might be better. Tell us whatever it is that you want and we'll do our best to find it.

If you think you can help with organisation - we need more activists.

Here's to our tunes, dances, songs and Fellowship!

**OFF WE GO AGAIN - SEPTEMBER HERE WE COME.**

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of Ryburn3Steps' End of year accounts 2008 are in the Annual Report (page 15). The Treasurer's report was accepted, verbatim, as our accounts for the year.

#### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All current officers have been returned and we are pleased to welcome Sue Burgess to the Committee.

The following were elected:

Chair	Chris Coe
Vice Chair	Gill Baldwin
Secretary	Liz Cryer
Treasurer	Linda Kemp
Funding Officer	Sue Coe
Media/Radio	John Adams

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

We have now got a new printing company as Crowther's closed. We now use BM Printers who are fractionally cheaper on bigger runs and Sue was wondering if it would be worth our while to ask them to produce the Annual Report as the report needs to be sent out to a wider circle and perhaps also on line.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**June 2010**