

**RYBURN 3 STEP  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
4th July 2019  
The Booth Wood, Rishworth**

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Steve Jones, The Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM. Steve was in the Chair for the meeting apart from the Election of Officers which was dealt with by John Adams.

**PRESENT**

Sue Coe	Liz Cryer	Linda Kemp	Pete Coe
Steve Jones	John Adams	Pauline Jones	
Chris Coe	Andy Day	Jan Day	

**APOLOGIES**

Paul Kehoe

**MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

**THE CHAIR'S REPORT 2018-2019 Season - STEVE JONES.**

Overshadowing the events of the past season has been the death of our friend and colleague, Steve Harrison, whose long battle against illness ended last July. We miss him very much.

The 2018-9 season has been busy as is reflected in the body of the report, in which you can read about the year's events for the different activities we organise.

My personal list of highlights includes:

- Another sell-out audience at the New Year's Eve Ceilidh in Waring Green Community Centre
- Sizeable crowds at the Mummers plays and being able to pass on donations to local charities
- Healthy Folk Club audiences for most nights and notable sets by Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne, Iona Fyfe Trio and Martin Carthy

- Dancing to caller Barry Goodman and Granny's Attic in December
- Staging a well-attended performance of Mick Ryan's folk musical "Here at the Fair" in April

There have been a few disappointments and these include poor attendances at some of the dances and folk clubs and losing some of our younger Longsword dancers to work and study commitments. Plus we share the problem with folk providers across the country of the ageing demographic of folk music aficionados. On the plus side our finances look sound with the dances only incurring a small deficit over the year and folk club returning a reasonable amount. For the former, we must thank the musicians and callers who have provided their services at preferential rates.

Of our recent innovations, we have a lively group who attend the "No pressure" tune sessions, the singing group is growing in confidence and the house concerts at 103 Oldham Road are well-attended. And in staging the Mummers play at the Fleece at Elland, we have found an atmospheric venue and enthusiastic landlady.

As many of our activities take place in Ripponden we need to find ways of raising our profile locally. We supported the Ripponden Food Festival in May (tunes and Longsword dancing) and in June we hosted a dance out with Sowerby Bridge Morris, White Rose Morris and Oakenhoof in the car park of the Old Bridge Inn, Ripponden. Both events were enjoyable and good publicity for the traditional dance groups in our area.

I would like to think that Ryburn 3 Step is in as good shape at the end of my year as Chair as it was at the beginning. However, we cannot be complacent. Our survival as a community folk arts project may depend on our willingness to innovate and adapt. We have to use all the means available to us to publicise our events, which have to be friendly, inclusive and enjoyable. This sounds like a challenge for the Chair and Committee and I for one am keen to take it on.

My sincere and hearty thanks to my colleagues on the committee; Linda and Liz for the unsung but vital work of keeping records and looking after the finances, Andy Day for servicing the Ryburn 3 Step web site, Johnny for spreading the

word via social media and other technical expertise, Pete and Sue for the use of the shop, their booking and publicity duties, Jan and Chris for their support and contributions.

Also I would like to record our thanks to the following for their support

- Ken Hudson and the D'Urbevilles for radio coverage
- Tim and Lindsay at the Old Bridge, Ripponden
- Jackie at the Conservative Club
- Gig at the Golden Lion, Christine at the Fleece in Elland and Chris and Sean at the Hogs Head Sowerby Bridge for hosting Mummers

And finally, thanks to everyone who danced, sang, played or spectated at a Ryburn 3 Step event during the last season. Hope to see you during coming season at one of our events (and please, if you can, bring a friend.)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of the Summary of Accounts will be in the Annual Report. The overall balance for the year 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018 is £2,801.82

LK mentioned that we have tried to pay the bands a better rate as we had a surplus in the bank. Thanks were given to LK for all her hard work as Treasurer. Following a short discussion it was decided that, although we are not a charity nor are we grant aided by Calderdale Council, we should have the accounts audited, as a safety net.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

John Adams took the chair for the Election of Officers. The following nominations were received and elected as follows:-

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>NOMINATED BY</b>
Chair	Steve Jones	Sue Coe
Vice Chair	Pete Coe	John Adams
Treasurer	Linda Kemp	Liz Cryer
Secretary	Liz Cryer	Steve Jones
Funding Officer	Sue Coe	Linda Kemp

Steve Jones resumed the Chair. He asked if other members of the committee were happy to continue with their valuable roles within Ryburn3Step, which they were.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SC said she wanted to draw up a list of the number of volunteer hours everybody puts in to Ryburn3Step.

PC said it may be worthwhile asking members of the step or singing groups if they would be interested in being co-opted on to the Committee.

The Chairman wanted to reiterate that Ryburn3Step was in a good state and we have a good team, working well together and he then brought the AGM to a close, thanking every one for attending.

**Next AGM - June 2020**