



# THE RUMWORTH MORRIS

## OF BOLTON

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### **Not the official Rumworth Newsletter and notice of AGM**

- i. Those of you who were at Chippenham Folk Festival will remember that the AGM will be held on Sunday 21st September (Gary's Birthday). The AGM will start at 11.00 a.m. at Haydn's house. Hopefully the meeting will be short so that we can then adjourn to a pub and if we have enough dancers (I know we already have music) dance outside.

Haydn has provided the maps and directions, so blame him if you get lost!

If anyone wasn't aware, Geoff's mother died recently, and the reason I am sending this out is that he is currently down South for the funeral.

Since I have not had chance to speak to Geoff, there is no set agenda for the meeting at this point - but I'm sure it will be a short one.

- ii. Don't forget that there is also the regular third Thursday night practice this coming Thursday, 18th September.
- iii. Congratulations to another team who took Angers by storm this year, testing the E111 system to the full, and getting Kevin the driver lost.

Peter Bearon - minutes secretary

**Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of The Rumworth Morris of Bolton held at Haydn's House, 17 Heath Road, Stockport, on Sunday 21st September 1997**

**Those present:** Jim Fox, Peter Bearon, Norman Bearon, John Kelly, Haydn Thompson, Judy Whiting, Dave Bennett, Linda Green, Ian Lomas, John Green, Alison Whitaker, Steve Armitage, Tony Dann, Geoff Hughes (chairman), Denise Bearon, Ged Robinson-Todd.

**Meeting opened:** 11.28 a.m.

**Apologies:** Colin Jackson, Keith Taylor, Howard Hartey.

The minutes of the 1996 were read out and accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising:**

- The recruitment committee had not met since the last AGM. It was decided that these lines of approach were not worth pursuing. The best way of recruiting is through word of mouth.
- PCB pointed out that Royal Lancashire Morris are joining together with Lancashire Rose Morris. There may be some floating Royal Lancashire Morris dancers around who would like to join Rumworth. Tony Dann said he would see if he could get some contacts.
- There were further discussions about the possibility of arranging a social event for other struggling/defunct teams to try and pick up some more members. This was deferred until later in the meeting.
- It was decided that the foreign visit would be put on hold until Spring Bank Holiday 1999. A sub committee of Ged, Peter, John Kelly (who all have contacts in Northern France), Geoff and Norman would look into organising a tour to somewhere in Northern Europe.
- Norman thanked everyone who had contributed to their Silver wedding present.

**Correspondence:**

Trevor Stone had thanked everyone for appearing at the Scarborough Sword weekend 1996. This is delayed correspondence from last year's AGM.

Graham had been seen by Norman and Denise dancing Rapper and playing the drum for Dorset Buttons at Sidmouth.

**Chairman's report:**

Geoff congratulated Steve Armitage on learning the dances so quickly, and fitting into the team so well.

The Chippenham and Bampton weekend had been excellent, and the team had danced really well. Complimentary comments had been received from various people include a certain Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

Pete Young had fitted back into the team very well - it's a pity the jokes haven't improved with the years!

**Treasurer's Report:**

The funds currently stand at:

Bank £527.95

Cash in Hand £17.06

Total £545.01

Some people hadn't paid their subs for the year. Geoff thought that it would be useful if a reminder was sent out.

The ring subscription had inadvertently lapsed for 2 or 3 years. To ensure that we had public liability insurance, the treasurer had approached all 3 Morris organisations. The best offer was from the Open Morris. Rumworth are now members of the Open Morris.

It was decided to keep the subs at £20 per head.

### **Election of Officers:**

The structure will stay as at present with the committee sleeping. The present post holders will continue for another year.

### **Kit:**

The musicians' hats need replacing. They will look into this themselves.

Breeches are now beginning to really fall to bits. Also the red sash material is fading. Everyone is asked to look into trying to find some replacement material and bring samples to the next practice. The sash material should be polycotton and the breeches material normal cord, not necessarily a match with the present material.

Haydn needs a new hat - six and three quarters or seven eighths - if anyone sees one buy it. (John Green may have one).

John Green needs a new large tail coat. Again, if anyone sees one please buy it.

### **Programme for the Coming Year:**

In future we will attempt to have four weekend practices in addition to the usual third Thursdays. Ideally these would be a weekend for the AGM, a weekend for Christmas, a weekend with a meal in Spring and one other before dancing out. Thursdays are to teach new members dances and work on drill whereas the weekend ones will hopefully have more people at them to enable teamwork to be looked at.

There was some discussion as to whether to try and run a weekend and invite other teams like the good old days. It was decided by a vote that we would. 9 for, 3 against, 3 abstentions.

The programme 1997/8:

Thursday 16th October Practice

Thursday 20th November Practice

Saturday 6th December Practice followed by Christmas party and Carols at Peter & Alison's. Other teams to be invited to the party. Accommodation should be possible for those from further afield.

Sunday 7th December Dance at Westhoughton Victorian Day. (John, Linda, Peter & Alison will then be singing carols around the shops - please feel free to join us if you want to)

Thursday 15th January Practice

Saturday 24th January Practice followed by social event inviting other struggling/extinct teams. (A committee (which one?) to look into how this might be organised).

Thursday 19th February Practice

Thursday 19th March Practice

Saturday 4th April Practice followed by evening meal (Appley Bridge again if possible)

Sunday 5th April Dance out somewhere

Thursday 16th April Practice

Saturday 25th April Horwich St George's Day (the date to be confirmed)

Thursday 15th May Practice

Friday 22nd - Monday 25th May Pete Young's Grand Tour of Suffolk. (Tony suggests that PY should contact Katie & John Howson since some of the team know them and they live nearby)

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th June Rumworth weekend of Dance inviting one or two teams from Hammersmith, Bampton, Iron Men & Severn Gilders, Jemmers. The committee to be roused from its slumbers to organise the event.

Thursday 18th June Practice

Thursday 16th July Practice

Saturday 19th September Practice

Sunday 20th September AGM & dance out

The principal was agreed that at each weekend, the date for the equivalent one in the following year would be set.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Linda asked if money could be spent on the purchase of new posh bits for the posh book. This was agreed.

Linda finds it difficult getting pictures for the posh book. It would be better if a non performer looked after the posh book and they could then take the pictures required. Keith Taylor is to be asked if he will do this.

Panic Monitor - there have been no good panics this year, so John Green keeps it for another year.

Wally of the Year - there was absolutely no contest for this one - Norman Bearon for forgetting his breeches before the Saturday night ceilidh spot at Chippenham.

Thanks to Haydn and Alice for hosting the AGM. The team then retired to a nearby pub to drink and dance.

Meeting closed at: 1.10 p.m.

## The Rumworth Morris of Bolton - Accounts 1996/1997

### INCOME

Balance brought forward	352.48
Subscriptions 95/96 (3)	60.00
Subscriptions 96/97 (9) *	180.00
Wigan Pier (Danceathon)	10.20
Donation	4.99
Chippenham	150.00
Sundry	4.00
	<u>761.67</u>


### EXPENDITURE

Rumworth Meal (net)	16.00
Newspaper Advert	51.32
Deane Hall	114.00
Treasurers Expenses	11.34
Clog Rubbers	12.00
Open Morris	12.00
	<u>216.66</u>

Carried Forward 545.01

Bank	527.95
Cash in hand	17.06
	<u>545.01</u>

Net Profit on Year 192.53

Accounts prepared by:  .....

date: 16/9/97 .....

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\* +1 subscription not banked