

**Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Rumworth Morris of Bolton  
held at The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire,  
on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2003**

**Those Present:** Jim Fox, Geoff Hughes (chairman), Peter Bearon, Denise Bearon, Steve Armitage, Ian Lomas, Alison Whitaker, Norman Bearon, John Kelly, Haydn Thompson, John Green, Linda Green, Margaret Nicholson, Carol Birchmore, Jameson Wooders (Apprentice), Simon Wooders (Apprentice), Tony Dann.

**Meeting Opened:** 9.45 a.m.

**Apologies:** Howard Harty, Gary Young (clogs present), Keith Taylor, Graham Rollinson, Pete Young, Dave Wynn

The minutes of the 2002 AGM were read out and accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising:**

- Flowers had been sent to Penny Sheard
- We had received an invite to Paderborn but couldn't go this year. We have asked to be kept in mind for the future
- Haydn had started the team's history but had been very busy and not progressed very far. He will circulate what he has done to date. It would be useful if different people can do different sections
- Helmond did invite us, unfortunately it was for the same weekend as Chippenham & Bampton

**Correspondence:**

- Geoff had received a letter from Chippenham Folk Festival thanking us for our attendance

**Conductor's Report:**

- Chippenham had been very successful
- The workshops worked very well and had paid off – Jameson & Simon being proof!
- Bampton was superb and we had received good feedback
- Thanks to Denise for turning up to practices, often being the only tune musician
- We **are** going to do Boatman's!
- Hopefully with Andrew expressing an interest in joining us and Dave Wynn returning, Jim should be able to get rest when needed
- We're still better than all the crap out there

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer circulated the accounts. The funds currently stand at:

Bank	£865.32
Cash in hand	£70.32
Total	£935.64

- It was agreed that the word 'subsidy' should read compensation
- Geoff Hughes requested that written reminders should be provided to those who hadn't paid

**Election of Officers:**

The present incumbents were yet again re-elected unopposed: Norman Bearon – treasurer, Peter Bearon – minutes secretary.

### **Review of Rumworth**

- Geoff read out the constitution for the benefit of the apprentices and some members who had never read it
- It was generally felt that we are stronger again this year
- Andrew and Dave should make a big difference to the ability to perform locally
- The apprentices thought that we were better than all the crap out there

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

The following dates were considered:

- Victorian Day, Westhoughton – 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December 2003
- Saddleworth Rushcart – 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2004
- Middlewich Folk Festival – 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June 2004
- Horwich Day for St George – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004
- Kirtlington Lamb Ale – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June 2004
- Bolton Festival – August Bank Holiday w/e
- Riga, Latvia (Norman had heard nothing further since the last missive he sent around to everybody)
- Bampton had asked if they could come up to Bolton
- Ormskirk Arts Festival – probably last w/e in September 2004

After some discussion the following dates were agreed on:

6 December	Practice in the hall (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) followed by Christmas party in the evening at Peter and Alison's house in Westhoughton
7 December	Victorian Day in Westhoughton – times to be confirmed [Peter to organise] [Tony is not available for this booking]
24 April	Day for St George, Horwich followed by meal in the evening [Norman to organise daytime – Linda to contact restaurant]
27 April	Practice (in the morning)
5/6 June	Kirtlington Lamb Ale [Linda to organise]
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> w/e July	Invite Bampton up for a weekend [Tony to contact Bampton]
25/26 September	AGM weekend based around Ormskirk Arts Festival [Denise to organise with help from others]

In addition to these dates practices will continue on third Thursdays.

Pete and Graham were contacted by phone with these dates. Pete may have a problem with Kirtlington if his band goes to the Whit Friday band competitions in Saddleworth (although he may be able join us on his way back home). Graham may have a problem with Westhoughton Victorian Day.

### **Kit:**

- Red sashes are looking iffy – we do still have some material. Alison will measure the material we have left. We have 2 spare red & gold sashes made up.

- We have no gold material left
- Haydn had checked a material shop in Stockport but they had no corduroy. They were having a sale on so he will check to see if they have any suitable material for red or gold sashes
- Rivington had just bought some red corduroy in Stockport. Denise to check where and try and get some samples if they do Navy Blue
- The hats need refurbishing. Carol will try and get an article in the local papers via a journalist friend (she will also circulate text to Jim and Haydn to try and get into their own local papers)
- It was decided that we need to mix plastic and silk flowers

### **Music:**

- It would be beneficial to have band practices - these should be sorted out by the musicians themselves. The Thursday practices before events may be the best times.

### **Any Other Business:**

- It was decided that we should keep Phil informed in the hope that he may come along occasionally
- Peter had been in touch with a member of staff of Bolton Museum. They are holding an exhibition of traditional local skills in December. They would like to include Rumworth and asked to see our posh books and any video. They would also like to interview someone as part of their oral history project. It was thought that the best people for this would be Jim and Geoff. Peter will get back in touch and say that we would like to be involved and pass on Jim's contact details.
- Trevor Stone never completed the Rumworth videos covering all our dances. Peter will contact him to see whether the project can be completed.
- Carol is having a New Year's Eve party to celebrate her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. All are welcome.
- The team sang a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' to Gary.
- Norman asked whether we should continue to teach our dances. It was decided to leave this for the moment until an appropriate occasion comes along.
- In recent years Rumworth have donated a light on the Bolton Christmas Tree which raises money for Bolton Hospice in memory of Chris Whiting. It was agreed that we should add a similar donation to a suitable charity in memory of Dave Bennett.
- Jim raised the question as to whether we should have team warm up exercises to try and stop people getting crocked. Some members thought that teams that did this were just as prone to injury as those that didn't. It was decided that it should be up to individuals as to whether or not they did such exercises. It was pointed out that it is possible to overdo such exercises and cause more harm than good.
- Peter pointed out that it was his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of January 2004. He will be going for a weekend to Holland taking in a winter beer festival. The venue and date have yet to be confirmed but will probably be in Rotterdam on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. As soon as the details are confirmed he will circulate them. Anyone interested in a weekend site-seeing and drinking in the Netherlands is welcome to join him.

### **Annual Awards:**

#### **Wally of the Year**

**Nominations:** Alison and Peter for forgetting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday practice in June (1 vote)  
 Norman for sending a Rumworth e-mail about Graham's wedding to Graham (the rest)

Norman was duly elected the Wally of the Year

Panic Monitor

Nominations: There were no proper panics this year so Margaret remains the Panic Monitor

Keeper of the Rumworth Ale – Jim was elected to this new post last year. Carol produced a bottle of Fox's Nob beer for him to keep. This will not be an annual award.

Disorientation monitor – Steve is currently the holder of this award.

The Dave Bennett Memorial Award

This is a new award in memory of Dave Bennett. Nominations were accepted for anything suitable that Dave was famous for – falling asleep, inventing new figures, getting trodden on by horses, calling out the air-sea rescue etc.

Nominations: Margaret for being taken to hospital during a Rumworth weekend (1 vote)  
Peter for going for the big breakfast on a Rumworth weekend and leaving half of it on the plate (3 votes)  
Carol for cooking the breakfasts this weekend (the rest)

Carol was duly elected the first holder of the Dave Bennett Memorial Award.

Meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

Programme for coming year on one easily pinned up piece of paper:

### 2003

Thursday October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Thursday November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Saturday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Practice in the hall (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) 7.30 p.m. Christmas party at Peter and Alison's (please bring food – Peter & Alison will provide an honesty bar)
Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Victorian Day in Westhoughton – times to be confirmed [organiser Peter]
Thursday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Practice

### 2004

Thursday January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Thursday February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Thursday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Thursday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Practice (tbc – Easter week)
Saturday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Day for St George, Horwich [organiser Norman] Evening Meal
Sunday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Practice (in the morning)
Thursday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Friday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kirtlington Lamb Ale [organiser Linda]
Sunday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Sat July 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Sun July 4 <sup>th</sup> or Sat July 10 <sup>th</sup> /Sun July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend not with Bampton   We need to find an alternative event for one of these w/e's
Thursday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Thursday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Practice
Saturday September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend and AGM based around
Sunday September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ormskirk Arts Festival   (Tony to invite Bampton)   [organiser: Denise with assistance]

Peter Bearon  
25 September 2003



## The Rumworth Morris of Bolton - Accounts 2002/2003

### INCOME

Subscriptions	230.00
Horwich	48.00
Cardiff Collection	45.67
Rumworth Meal	251.15
Sale of Rubbers	14.00
Chippenham	175.00
	<u>763.82</u>

### EXPENDITURE

Horwich	45.00
St. Basils, Newport	100.00
Flowers for Penny (City Clickers)	10.00
Car Parking (Cardiff)	12.50
Rumworth Meal	250.00
Deane PCC (Hall hire)	70.00
Wreath (D Bennett)	44.50
Refreshments (day practice)	2.84
Open Morris	24.00
Treasurer Expenses	2.00
Subsidy (J Kelly)	100.00
	<u>660.84</u>

Profit / Loss on year	102.98
Balance Brought Forward	<u>832.66</u>
Carried Forward	<u>935.64</u>

Bank	865.32
Cash in hand	70.32
	<u>935.64</u>

Accounts prepared by:.....

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