



CHESTER DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

held at the Lecture Theatre, Chester Zoo on 16 March 2010 at 12.30 pm

1. Welcome: Dorothy Hunt, Society Chairman welcomed 92 members to the Annual Meeting, thanking them all for their co-operation with this year's successful AGM Registration Scheme

2. Apologies for absence : Jean Asher, Margaret & Philip Ashworth, Margaret Bellis, Z. Bonikowski, Pauline Booth, Gaye Brewster, Janet Brown, Tracy Catherall, Philippa Chadwick, Sheila Cherry, Marion Chorley, Moir & Peter Cocker, Nancy Craighead, Brian Crossley, Christine Davies, Janet Davies, Margaret D'Enrico, Kathleen Fletcher, Janet Francis, Mr & Mrs H.G. Gardner, Myra Garnett, Daphne Gulliver, Mary Harrison, Jill Heath, Kathryn Hebditch, Linda Hill, June Hulmes, Diane Knight, A. C. Lakin, Pamela Leach, Carol Leigh, M.E.Maddocks, Pauline Marks, Margery Mellor, Margaret Osborn, John Pemble, Patricia Platt, P. Pollard, P.M. Prothero, Lesley Quellyn-Roberts, A.L.Rose, Lynda Rowlinson, Marian Selby, Beryl Spender, Susan Stevens, Jan Stockdale, Ailsa Sumner, Michelle Waldron, Maureen Winfield, Patricia Yates.

3. Minutes of the 2009 AGM, previously circulated, were signed by the Chair who then **proposed** their adoption. Motion **seconded** by Norah Edwards and accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

4. The Committee Report, previously circulated, was **proposed** for adoption by the Chair and **seconded** by Sybil Elliott. The report was accepted unanimously by a show of hands.

Dorothy spoke to the Report, aiming (as she said) to "inject a dose of humour" into the contents. She thanked the committee for all their work throughout the year and extended special thanks to committee members retiring this year : Pam Hudson, Esther Hoyles, Judi Potter and Liz Cowell. It was noted especially that Liz had served the Society loyally from the earliest days of the Steering Committee as Membership Secretary, then later as Vice Chairman and Programme Secretary.

5. The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009 and the Treasurer's Report were presented to the meeting by Trish Parrington who **proposed** their adoption. The motion was **seconded** by Basil Thompson and approved by a show of hands. There were no questions from the floor.

The Chairman then handed over to the President, Sue Heather . In her address Sue referred to the fact that whilst there is a deplorable lack of significant cultural amenities in Chester, there is, under the surface, a vibrant cultural life in the city celebrating music, theatre, literature and, of course, fine arts. She went on to say that " of all the lecture societies in Chester...we, at ChesterDFAS are the jewel in the crown". Sue thanked the Committee for all their hard work to ensure that the varied programme of lectures, study days and visits runs smoothly and she asked the members " to give a round of applause to Dorothy and her team for all their valiant efforts this past year".

The President was then invited to conduct the elections of Society Officers and Committee Members

6. To elect new Committee members :

Linda Hill (previously co-opted), **proposed** by Ann Dawson and **seconded** by Grace Johnston
Kathleen Bowen, **proposed** by Liz Cowell and **seconded** by Margaret Nash
Margaret Osborne, **proposed** by Patricia Ratayak and **seconded** by Sibyl Sandle
All elected unanimously by a show of hands.

7. To re-elect existing Committee members : Marie Knowles, Marian Nicholas, Margaret Osborn, Mary Pemble, Mavis Young Nominated en bloc, **proposed** by Jenny Wood and **seconded** by Sue Williams

All elected unanimously by a show of hands.

8 To elect Officers for 23010-11, all proposed and seconded by fellow Committee members as follows

: Chairman : Dorothy Hunt,
Vice Chairman: Linda Hill
Hon. Secretary: Denise Parkin
Hon. Treasurer: Trish Parrington
All elected unanimously by a show of hands

9. To re-elect Mr Philip O'Neill as Financial Examiner of the Accounts for 2010:

proposed by Anne Esplen and **seconded** by Gwen Cleverley
Election approved unanimously by a show of hands.

10. Date of next Meeting : Tuesday 6 March 2011

At the end of official business, Dorothy asked the new Committee members to introduce themselves to the membership. Following this, in the absence of informal questions and comments from the floor, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.00 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

12.04.10