

# *The Society of the Rotherfield Players*

## *Minutes of Annual General Meeting*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

At 8.00 p.m. at the Memorial Institute, Rotherfield

**Present:** Andy Miller, Kate Organ, Alan Powell, Jo Evans, Becky Syms, Kate Awcock, Adam Hardy, Deirdre Cornford, Gussie Penny, Jenny Whelan, Helen Gallifant, Jacky Jenkins, Jane Littlefair, Charles Truelove, Josephine Day, Lynn Lunn, Jess Lunn, Geraldine Davies, Chris Donnelly-Shyvers, Barry Donnelly-Shyvers, Stuart Clark, James Gallifant, Hilary Curless, Alison Organ.

1. **Apologies:** Sue and Nigel Burnett, Jess hardy, Ros Williams, Rachel Martin, Sarah Truelove, Brian Wright.
2. **Minutes of AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010** were approved and signed by the Chairman, James Gallifant.
3. **Chairman's report** was given by James Gallifant (see attached).
4. **Treasurer's Report** was given by Hilary Curless (see attached accounts). Hilary explained that she had spent a long time sorting the accounts and changing the system from Excel to Sage. Our bank has changed from Alliance and Leicester to HSBC. Despite a loss on paper we have made a cash profit and some big items have been purchased. The bar is a big source of our profit – Jane Littlefair was thanked for taking over the running of the bar. A vote of thanks to Hilary for taking on and clarifying the accounts was proposed by Andy Miller, seconded by Deirdre Cornford, was carried unanimously.

5. **Election of Officers.** James thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work during the last year. The following people were elected unopposed to be officers of the society:

Chairman - James Gallifant

Honorary Treasurer - Hilary Curless

Honorary Secretary - Alison Organ

Publicity Officer - Alan Powell

6. **Election of Committee Members:** after an election the following people were elected to the Committee:

Nigel Cassford

Jane Littlefair

Andy Miller

Kate Organ

Becky Syms

Sarah Truelove

7. **AOB** 1) Alan Powell and Becky Syms asked if something could be done for members of the society, such as laminated membership cards that could entitle them to discounts for tickets, in shops etc. A welcome letter to new members could be included in the newsletter. This will be discussed by the Committee at their next meeting.
- 2) A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Deirdre Cornford and seconded by Geraldine Davies.
- 3) The timing of productions in relation to other dramatic groups was discussed – but we are dependent on the availability of the Hall and the tiered seating. Other groups could be informed of our future programme by email.
- 4) Andy Miller is our Village Hall rep. and Adam Hardy will continue to do Hall bookings.
- 5) Rotherfield St. Martin requested that we leave the Institute kitchen in a clean state as it is used every day.
- 6) A reminder was given about our Midsummer Masquerade by Kate Organ and Becky Syms as numbers are not as great as hoped.

The meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.