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Notices

The next meeting will be on Saturday April 26th at the Montem School Annexe, Hornsey Road, London N.7., from 3.00 to 5.00pm. There will be a committee meeting beforehand, as usual. This is your last reminder for paying your subscription. If you don't cough up by the time the next newsletter is due, the postman will not drop one through your letterbox!

News

First, new members:

Mrs. P.F.Pegram, 143 Witham Road, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex,
CM7 8LR,

Chris Brady, 5 The Curlews, Shoreham on Sea, W. Sussex, BN4 5UQ
and Stephen Green, 141 Howarth Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 0UW.

Now, a not so new member - somehow I didn't print the following members address when he joined a year ago - Sorreee!

Peter Thomas, Meadow Cottage Craft Workshops, Knowehead, Tweed-
mouth, Berwick upon Tweed.

The less pleasant news is that Mr. Watkins of Ryde, Isle of Wight has died, and so has Mr. J. Kerr. However, Mrs. Kerr has continued the subscription.

To balance these sad events, congratulations to Maggie Powell & P. McLaughlin, who have committed matrimony! Long may they play together, and perhaps they will soon need a miniature or two! Their address is 16 Edgar Row Close, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9LR.

I can now report further additions to the library. They are

Fantasia,
Adagio, and
Romance in & Minor.

They are all by Alf Edwards or arranged by him as test pieces for past Festivals. They are all in the advanced class, and are described as 'splendid concertina playing' by Frank Butler, who kindly donated them.

The March Meeting

This was held on Saturday 29th March, at Montem School Annexe. Unfortunately, the Tube drivers chose that day to have a quick protest strike, and I was unable to get there, and I was not alone. I am informed that the only attendees were Messrs. H & N Crabb, Vena McDougall, Mr. Sowter, Mr. Jevons & his wife, and Mr. Hutcherson! This was the lowest number ever, so I hope we shall all make a special effort to get to the next meeting.

However, some music was played by Mr. Hutcherson & Mr. Jevons, who had a short run through a book of about a dozen Handel melodies.

Annual General Meeting (continued from last month)

4) Secretary's report: Due to the Secretary not being able to attend through illness, no report was made.

5) Treasurer's report: As you will see from the balance sheet (included with the February Newsletter) we are still in a fairly good position. You will remember from the Newsletter that I had the blow fall on me, that of the death of Mr. Wallace who had done so much for us, auditing our books over all these years. This left me in a vacuum, after advertising that we were in need of an accountant in the Newsletter, with

no response, our good friend Mr. Eric Russell offered his services. I hope you will find this acceptable, if not you will have to protest here and now.

The balance sheet was completed and signed by Mr. Russell, he was thanked for his offer and services and there were no protests.

Mr. Hutcherson continued:- As you will see, although we held a Festival last year, we have a little more on our capital account than we had the previous year, which is not bad going I think.

We have, of course, to thank the many people who gave us donations small and large over and above their subs. This again amounted to nearly £80. The

The Treasurer said this is all he had to say, apart from that he had written a vote of thanks on behalf of the committee to Mr. Eric Russell, and a letter of condolence to the widow of Mr. Wallace. Everybody agreed with the accounts and they were passed and signed, with the President thanking the Treasurer for another years work.

6) Librarians Report: Mr John Hutcherson, wearing his second hat, reported that things seemed pretty much the same as last year. He still had some customers although few and far between, mostly regular people.

Mr. Jarvis asked how the library worked? John replied that we have a collection of music available for members to borrow if they so desired. The service is free and members write in saying what they require. It is then sent to them. They are allowed to keep the music for one month, then it must be returned with the borrower paying postage both ways.

Mr. Frank Butler offered to supply the library with his arrangements of music for concertina. This was greatly appreciated and accepted by the committee. Mr. Blakeman also asked Mr. Butler if he could have some for the Battersea class.

7) Newsletter Editor's report: Mr. Howard Rosenblum said that he had nothing to report, but appealed for members to keep news coming in.

A vote of thanks was given to the Editor for the work he had put in over the past year, and for his time and expense in travelling from his home in Littlehampton to the meetings each month.

8) Election of Committee: The President said that, as with previous years, no nominations had been sent in by members. However, we must have a committee. Therefore, provided the present committee is prepared to stand again for another year, I think we should ask them to do so. The present committee of Jim Harvey, John Hutcherson, Howard Rosenblum, Neville Crabb, Mr. Blakeman & Harry Crabb were asked to stand again. They all agreed. They were then proposed, seconded and re-elected,

9) Any Other Business: Mr. John Hutcherson reported that he had news of the passing of Mr. Jim Kerr and that he would be writing to his widow on behalf of the I.C.A.

The President reported that he had heard from Alf Edwards twice recently, and that he is now very shaky in the hands, and doubts if he will ever be active again. The President asked John to write to Alf to mention that he had been made an honorary member.

(To be completed next month)

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