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# Final Notice of Annual General Meeting 2008

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Society will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, 8 November 2008 at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY

The business of the meeting will include:

- consideration of the 2007/8 Annual Report and Accounts and Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2008;
- the appointment and fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors;
- the election of the Honorary Treasurer and other Members of the National Council;
- business of which notice has been given under Article 9(a) SEE BELOW
- an update on developments since 31 March 2008; and
- any other business (by leave).

## **BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER ARTICLE 9(a) Ordinary Resolutions**

**No. 1** Under item 15 of the Articles of Association, it is proposed by the National Council, as an Ordinary Motion, that Shirley Collins be elected as President of the Society.

**No.2** Under item 15 of the Articles of Association, it is proposed by the National Council, as an Ordinary Motion, that Eliza Carthy be elected as a Vice-President of the Society.

**No. 3** Under item 5(b), section (i) of the Articles of Association, it is proposed by the National Council, as an Ordinary motion, that from 1 January 2009 annual subscriptions will be as follows:

Standard	£37	(currently £36)	
Senior	£23	(currently £22)	[anyone of state pensionable age]
Young Person	£20	(currently £20)	[anyone between 18 and 25 years]
Student	£20	(currently £20)	[anyone in full time education]
Joint standard	£57	(currently £55)	
Joint senior	£37	(currently £36)	[available when one of the joint members has reached state pensionable age]
Life Member	£340	(currently £330)	[anyone of state pensionable age]
Joint Life Member	£505	(currently £495)	[available when both members are of state pensionable age]

All Society Members have public liability insurance of £5M when organising events with up to 200 participants.

See also **Note 7** below for 2009 Affiliate fees

**No. 4** It is proposed by the National Council, as an Ordinary Motion, to re-appoint Sayer Vincent as the Society's Auditors until the conclusion of the 2009 AGM and to authorise the National Council to agree their remuneration.

Dated: 9 October 2008

**Mary Wilson-Jones, Company Secretary**

## Notes

- 1 The Annual General Meeting is open to current Members on production of a valid membership card.
- 2 This year, and regardless of what the current Articles state, we are required to allow proxy voting for those who are unable to attend the meeting in person. Further details are provided on the accompanying proxy voting form. If you appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf you can still attend the AGM and when you arrive to register you can, if you wish, ask for your proxy to be withdrawn from the ballot so you can vote differently.
- 3 Explanatory Notes on the resolutions on which you can vote by proxy are set out opposite.
- 4 Copies of the current Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society may be obtained from the Company Secretary on request to the Society, enclosing a self-addressed A5 envelope, stamped 34 pence or by E-mailing **info@efdss.org** or from the Society's website.
- 5 Copies of the Minutes of the 2008 AGM are available from the Society on request or by E-mailing **info@efdss.org** and will also be available at the meeting.
- 6 Each Affiliate is invited to send one representative to attend the meeting. Such representatives could be invited to address the meeting but will be unable to vote. All Affiliates wishing to be represented should notify the Company Secretary at Cecil Sharp House of the name of their representative (and a contact phone number) **in advance and no later than Monday 3 November**. In the event of over subscription priority will be given to those who apply first.
- 7 The National Council announces the fees for **Affiliates** in 2009 will be as follows. It is not required to seek a resolution at the Annual Meeting:

School	£20	(currently £20)
UK Institution	£67	(currently £65)
Overseas Institution	£83	(currently £80)
Affiliate Club	£57	(currently £55)
Younger generation	£20	(currently £20) under 18 years

Affiliate Clubs organising events with up to 200 participants have cover of £5M
- 8 In order that we can be adequately prepared it would be helpful if those wishing to raise questions on the Annual Report or the Accounts could send details of their question(s) to the Company Secretary in advance of the meeting. Please e-mail to **secretary@efdss.org** or write to the Secretary at Cecil Sharp House.

## **9 Vacancies to be filled on the National Council**

As required under Article 16(c) the Preliminary Notice of vacancies to be filled on the National Council was issued on 29 May 2008. Nominations were invited by 19 September 2008 and full details were provided as to how nominations should be made. It was reported that the National Council had agreed to nominate Tim Rutherford as Treasurer. A reminder of the deadline was included in *Council Matters* (issued to all members with *EDS* at the beginning of September 2008).

## **10 Changing the Society's Articles of Association**

The National Council regrets that it has not been possible to finalise a new set of Articles in the time available. The National Council does not wish to ask the members to adopt new Articles that do not meet its objectives and reflect the views expressed by the members in the consultation exercise.

The National Council may consider calling call an EGM on the afternoon of Saturday 28 March at Cecil Sharp House to agree new Articles. Proxy voting facilities will be available so that all those unable or unwilling to travel to London for that meeting can vote.

## **Explanatory Notes on ordinary resolutions**

Ordinary resolutions require a simple majority of those voting (either by proxy or in person)

### **1 Ordinary Resolutions 1 and 2 to appoint Shirley Collins as President and Eliza Carthy as a Vice-President**

The National Council can nominate a President and Vice-Presidents and has to ask the Society at a general meeting to elect the nominees.

### **2 Ordinary Resolution 3 to increase subscriptions for 2009**

Each year the National Council proposes a small but regular increase. It is proposed to increase subscriptions in line with a nominal inflation rate of 3%, but rounded to a whole number of pounds. Since the exact increase in the Young Person and Student subscriptions would only be 60p, it is proposed to postpone once again the increase in these rates.

### **3 Ordinary Resolution 4 to reappoint Sayer Vincent as the Society's auditors**

The National Council has reviewed its auditing arrangements and obtained and compared competing tenders. As a result their recommendation is to continue with our existing auditors for the next year.

# other **events**



The Vaughan Williams Memorial Library will be open from 11am until 5pm.  
David Owen's art exhibition *the seeds of love* will be on view throughout the day.

Following the meeting, in Trefusis:



## **Meet Shirley Collins**

*Shirley Collins in conversation with Derek Schofield  
about her musical influences, with recordings.*

In the evening:

London BarnDance Company presents

**Henry Morgenstein** and **Chesapeake**

8-11pm, £9 (£7 LBC members, concessions, £8 EFDSS).

Further details from 01628 633 962 [www.barndance.org](http://www.barndance.org)