

FRMS Newsletter

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AGM 2016

The Federation's Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 12th November at the Elstead Hotel in Bournemouth, where our hosts were the Bournemouth Gramophone Society. Thanks are due to Sylvia Giddens and her team at the Bournemouth society for the excellent organisation. Sadly, Sylvia wasn't able to be present following a fall, but we trust she is now fully recovered.

The meeting proceeded smoothly and without surprises. There were no new nominations for committee and the line-up for 2016 to 2017 is therefore unchanged:

Allan Child (Chairman)	Mick Birchall
Ron Beech (Vice-Chairman)	John Hardie
Jim Bostwick (Secretary)	Stuart Sillitoe
Paul Corfield Godfrey (Treasurer)	
Denise Beech	George Steele

In addition to the elected members, Paul Astell and Philip Ashton are Bulletin Editor and Technical Officer respectively and their appointment was confirmed by the committee at their recent meeting.

Following the business meeting Brian Oakley of the Bournemouth society entertained delegates with a most interesting talk on the history of recorded sound – with not only examples of original 78 rpm records but visual illustrations as well. After an excellent dinner live music was provided by the Cleyndert Quartet, a group of string players from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, whose programme was received with warm applause.

CAN YOU HELP?

As noted already there is a vacancy on the committee and we would be pleased to co-opt anyone who feels they could make a contribution. Why not come to one of our meetings – expenses refunded – as an observer? Jim Bostwick (01484 717865, e-mail secretary@thefrms.co.uk) will be happy to give you further information

DAVENTRY 2017

Plans for the annual Music Weekend in 2017 are well in hand and we have an impressive line-up of presenters including the Master of the Queen's Music, **Judith Weir**. Our Sunday morning live music recital will be given by pianist **Domonkos Csabay**, a prizewinner in the Wales International Piano Competition 2016.

The dates for the weekend are 21st to 23rd April and the event will be once again at the hotel now known as the Mercure Daventry Court Hotel, on the outskirts of Daventry, Northamptonshire. Accommodation is limited and early booking will be essential.

As in 2016 we will be providing a **free coach transfer** from Coventry railway station to the hotel on the Friday afternoon with a return on the Sunday afternoon. Coventry is served by direct trains from London, the South Coast (via Reading), Glasgow and Manchester, with connections at Birmingham from the Southwest, Wales, the Northeast and Scotland.

More details and booking forms will be sent out in January. Previous participants and Friends of the FRMS will receive these automatically but if you would like to be added to the mailing list please provide contact details to the FRMS Secretary, Jim Bostwick (see opposite for contact details). And please would society secretaries publicise the event to their members.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Communication with its affiliated societies is an important part of the Federation's activities, but it can be an expensive business. We would encourage all affiliates to provide us with an e-mail contact address if possible, but whether communication is by post or e-mail it is important to advise any changes promptly to ensure that you continue to receive information.

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