

Treasurer's Report for AGM 4-10-11

The committee has decided to change the end of year to the end of July, this is to coincide with the end of the school year, and with the changes generally made at this time of year as older members leave and new members join. It also is a much quieter time and so gives me time to do the end of year accounts and get them verified ready for the start of a new band year. This does give an inflated balance this time, but it will even itself out over the next year as normally we would have paid out expenses such as insurance which is nearly £1000.

Our main expense this year was the Birthday Celebration, which was a great success, together with travel to competitions for Skegness and the Nationals, although thanks to Jackie Flanders we did receive a grant from the Co-op to help with this expenditure.

Over the next 6 months we need to buy more instruments, as most of them are now being used, and we need to arrange the repairing and checking the ones we have. We also want to run workshops for each band more regularly, and continue to have new music written specifically for our bands. (Nigel is also already talking about the next CD)

Grants are now harder to come by, the YOF who have been very generous over the last 4 years has now finished so we will have to look to new ways to raise funds. This is why I set up "Easyfundraising". Many people buy online now and for this scheme it is only a matter of going through their site to receive a percentage of each purchase (typically 2.5 to 6%) so please remember to log on and ask as many friends and family to do the same especially in the run up to Christmas. We have already organised Carol playing and Nigel has sent out the rotas so hopefully we will do as well as previous years, as this really helps with the running costs of the bands which even in 7 months is considerable.

Thank you once again to Mrs Scott for checking the accounts, if anyone has any questions please speak up.

Ruth Jenkins