

Minutes of a meeting held on 20th January 2010

Present: R.Yonge (Chairman), K. Beere, G. Colson, H. Cragg, R. Doyle, H. Killender, C. Lees, B. Rice.

Apologies were received from R. Clarke, A. Forrest, T. Loughran.

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November were agreed.
2. **Arising:** a) Entertainment Committee functions. Council had discussed these. The committee again expressed concern about the concentration of events this spring and felt that all proposed events should be approved by Council.

b) M.LWard to be asked about the appointment of a PR deputy for R. Doyle.
3. **Dining & Fellowship.**
 - a) The Christmas dinner had been successful.
 - b) St.Edmund's Guest Night 16 February. Minimum attendance of 60 was needed with maximum of 80. It was agreed that the number of meals provided for speakers etc at meetings should be limited to 2, exceptions to be agreed by Council.
 - c) Kings School Guest Night 30 March. The school to be contacted about the arrangements.
 - d) Curry evening 24 April. It was hoped to arrange readings of Indian authors.
 - e) GSE overspend. The Treasurer was investigating how to cover this.
 - f) Possible changes in future dining arrangements were under discussion.
4. **Speakers' Secretary.** The programme for February - April was agreed.
5. **Newsletter.** This would be only available by e-mail from the March issue, with paper copies for members without such facilities.
6. **Registrar.** Club attendances were November 55.45%, December 72.41%. Analysis of individual attendances for July — December 2009 showed that 40 members had attendances of over 50%. Those below 50 % should be encouraged to apply for excused attendance or leave of absence as appropriate.

7. **Membership:** There was one application
8. **Conferences:** Hotel bookings were needed for Eastbourne 2010. Details were awaited about Lille 2011.
9. **Next meetings :** 17 February; 24 March.