

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2012

1. **Members present:** R.B-H, K.B, R.C, R.D, G.G, CMcK, R.P, BR, P.W. An apology was received from AF.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2011 were agreed.
3. **Dining:** The caterer would be asked to provide for 35, the average attendance. The stewards' rota was working well. New table numbers had been provided.
4. **Fellowship:** The Christmas Dinner had been a success. 65 were expected for the 90th Anniversary lunch. 23 people had booked for the Glyndebourne evening. Proposed future events were a visit to the Dickens festival in Rochester in June, The Old Stagers in August (20 tickets), and visits to the Walpole Library at Kings School, and the Brick Lane Music Hall.
5. **Speakers Programme:** February arrangements were noted.
6. **Newsletter:** The February issue was drafted.
7. **Membership:** Two new members awaited induction. Another proposal was expected.
8. **Conference:** Details were awaited about Lille.
9. **Registrar:** Club attendances were : November 59.6%; December 64.1%. An analysis of individual attendances for July - December 2011 showed that 37 members had achieved over 50%. Most of the rest had known work or other reasons, or were excused attendance.
10. **The Presidency:** BR presented a paper about the expectations of club presidents. It suggested that whilst being President was an honour, potential candidates for the job might be

concerned about possible costs associated with some of the excellent events arranged in recent years. RC made the point that presidents had always had complete freedom to arrange their own programmes.

Next meeting: 22 February.