



RTS LONDON CENTRE

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the London Centre will be held at The London Television Centre, Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9LT on Wednesday 2 June 2010 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the Centre held on Wednesday 17 June April 2009.
2. Honorary Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Chair's Report.
4. Election of the London Centre Committee Members including Paresh Solanki co-opted during the year
5. Election of Independent Examiner for the 2010 accounts. (Johnsons Accountant Ealing)
6. Any other business.

After the meeting there will be a informal discussion until the Event on Mobiles at 7pm

### 2010 Committee

David Thomas Chair  
Terry Marsh Vice Chair  
Peter Weitzel Hon Treasurer  
Norman Green Chair Events committee  
David Poyser  
Rani Singh  
Kristen Mason  
John McAdam

Khevyn Limbajee  
Peter Wright  
Phil Barnes R/E  
Nick Radlo R/E  
Paul Mady R/E  
Tonia Page R/E

Paresh Solanki (co-opted) E

Those Retiring are marked with R and those for election with E

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## **RTS London Centre Annual General Meeting 2009**

Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the London Centre held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at The London Television Centre, Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9LT at 6.00PM

In the Chair: David Thomas- Chair of the London Centre.

### **1. Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30th April 2008**

a) **Accuracy.** The minutes were **AGREED**

b) **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

### **2. London Centre Annual Report for 2008**

The report had been circulated with the Notice of the Meeting and further copies were made available at the meeting.

David thanked the events committee for another successful series of lectures and discussions and ITV for continuing to provide the venue. He drew particular attention to the event held in conjunction with Ravensbourne College, the particularly large audience for the archival event held in collaboration with Focal where Roly Keating was the speaker, and a very interesting Christmas lecture.

David Thomas thanked Terry Marsh, Kristin Mason and Phil Barnes for their organisation of the 2008 Student Awards and the leading practitioners who had added real educational value to the awards evening.

In congratulating Norman Green and others for organising a very enjoyable Christmas Carol Concert and the sponsors who supported it, David noted that by being open to the whole television community this does much to raise awareness of the RTS and the centre while covering all its costs .

David finally noted that following the discussion at the 2007 AGM the committee are actively looking at new types of activity.

### **3. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet**

In Peter Wright's absence due to work commitments David Thomas presented his report for 2008, as summarised in the booklet and reported that these had been signed off by our examiner David Turner of Johnson's Chartered Accountants. It was noted that the income and expenditure showed a net surplus of £4,062 compared with a net loss of £ 698 in the previous year. These variations are a matter of timing and, as our main funding is from drawdowns from the society, our policy is to keep sufficient funds in our account for the running of the centre but not to build up an excessive surplus.

### **4. Election of Committee Members**

Nominations for re-election had been received for Norman Green, Peter Wright and Rani Singh and for election for Kristin Mason who had been co-opted during the previous year. All four were duly elected nem con.

David noted that Rick Rickards had decided not to seek re-election to the committee and proposed a vote of thanks to Rick for his many years of loyal service to the Centre and to the RTS. This was passed unanimously and subsequently conveyed to Rick.

### **5. Election of Independent Examiner**

On Peter Wright's recommendation David Turner FCA of the firm of Johnsons Chartered Accountants in Ealing was proposed for re-election by David Thomas seconded by Peter Weitzel and this was carried unanimously.

### **6. Any Other Business**

There was none

Following the speedy conclusion of the formal business of the AGM the Chair initiated a general open discussion about the future role of the London Centre and the RTS's overall offer to members.

The meeting closed at 7.00PM and was followed by the evening's event.

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## London Centre Annual Report for 2009

The London Centre has continued to organise events and activities aimed at the whole of the capital's television community that complement the Society's centrally organised activities. Apart from the increasingly successful programme of regular events, among the highlights of the year were the student awards, a members' visit to the revived Ealing Studios, and a headline making London Centre Christmas Lecture from Greg Dyke.

The 2008 London RTS Student Television Awards were made in March at an evening held in the London Television Centre organised by Terry Marsh, Kristin Mason and Phil Barnes. The judges reported a healthy improvement in the quality of entries and with more colleges entering these reflected the work of a wider range of students. Three of our winners were nominated for the national awards and *Side Effect*, made by a team from the London College of Communication won the undergraduate drama category. For the event itself leading programme makers from each genre added real educational value to the awards ceremony with frank and open Question and Answer sessions.

The Events Committee (Peter Weitzel, Margot Green Nick Radlo led by Norman Green) have provided us with an excellent and wide range of lectures and, thanks to the ongoing support of ITV for which we are particularly grateful, have continued to use the facilities of the London Television Centre for most of the regular fortnightly events in spring and autumn. Some fourteen events have looked at different aspects of the creativity, business and technology of television ranging from an exploration of Digital Britain to the making of the Diary of Anne Frank and from the Manufacturers' view of IBC to Sky News' coverage of the Afghanistan Elections. The First Jane Mercer Memorial Lecture co-produced with FOCAL international "Unlocking the BBC Archive" was presented by Roly Keating -BBC Director of Archive Content. This event was heavily oversubscribed even when capacity was increased to over 120. Other events have regularly attracted up to seventy people drawing in a broad spectrum of interests and providing for very good discussion. This has made our events particularly useful for the many students who have attended as well as expanding the perspectives of London television community.

We also co sponsored and organised the INPUT Screenings at the Goethe Institut and in June were able to play an active role in Ravensbourne College's annual live student television event by holding a conference on interactivity which they were able to televise followed by a tour of the college's facilities.

In early December we organised a visit for members and their guests to Ealing Studios. This was set up by Rani Singh and ours was the first group to be invited to tour the studio centre since its change of ownership. This and a frank and open discussion with James Spring, Ealing Studios' MD, gave a real insight into plans to rebuild a major centre for the British film and television industry with a community of related organisations on site.

To round off the year, the 21<sup>st</sup> London Centre Christmas lecture, was "Greg Dyke Speaks". This made national news as Greg used the event as his valedictory speech with a thought provoking critique of the whole of broadcast television followed by almost an hour of Q & A to over 200 people in a very full Cavendish Conference Centre. At this and at other events we achieved some success in promoting the Sign-a-friend membership initiative as we believe that a high level of membership reflecting the whole television community is vital for the society's future health and influence.

*David Thomas, Chair RTS London Centre.*

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Income and Expenditure for Year ended 31 December 2009

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sponsorship		91.31
Award entries		0.00
Award dinner bookings		0.00
Lecture tickets		0.00
Sundry income		305.41
Interest Received		0.00
Head Office Grant		12,000.00
VAT adjustment		(1,836.50)
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>10,5560.22</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Awards	0.00	
Lectures	13,372.59	
Socials	0.00	
Conferences	0.00	
Admin	250.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(13,622.59)</b>
Surplus /(Deficit ) income less exp		<b>(3,062.37)</b>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank		302.33
Debtors		0.00
VAT		0.00
Owed by awards fund		0.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade creditors		0.00
<b>Net Current assets</b>		<b>302.33</b>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>		
Fund Brought Forward		3,364.70
Profit/loss in year		(3062.37)
<b>Fund carried forward</b>		<b>302.33</b>
Note Total expenses paid directly by Head office on behalf on London Centre not included in the Centre Accounts		
<b>Awards fund</b>		
Cash At National Savings 1 Jan 2009		3,260.16
Interest received 2009		108.12
Awards Paid to centre accounts		-
<b>Cash At national savings Dec2009</b>		<b>3,368.28</b>
Owed to Centre Account		-
<b>Net assets at Dec 2009</b>		<b>3,368.28</b>

Independently examined by David M Turner  
Johnson Chartered Accountants 2nd floor 109 Uxbridge Road Ealing W5 5TL  
Copies of accounts and the Independent Examiners report will be available at the meeting  
or from Peter Weitzel 76 Bloomsbury Close Ealing W5 3SF or [peter@weitzel.com](mailto:peter@weitzel.com)

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