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The summer festival is over and the 2008 A.G.M has happened. The A.G.M voted to re-elect the existing five Board members for a further year. We will continue to use Excalibar as our accountants. The 2007/8 accounts are not yet finished, we will however publish them as soon as they are.

Some new projects for the next year were seeded within the Board's upcoming tasks. I hope you will hear more about regional out posts, reaching the thirty and under age group, a new vision statement for AHPB and improving the IT skills of our organisation in the next year. Some of them will I hope form the core of new projects for AHPB and may be able to attract outside support and funding in 2008/9.

The summer festival has been and gone and in the main was a great success for those who were there. During my 170 mile trip home I was able to sense the joy of having been part of the festival. My thoughts also dwelt on the members who were unable to be with us. Whatever the reasons for not being at the Leela Centre, we must try to understand how to reach out to the group who were not with us - a challenge for the coming year, one which I feel I can face with more understanding having spent time with some of our members.

My thanks to all those who came to the Leela Centre and of course my thanks to all those who worked hard to make the festival happen. Many from the Leela Centre and AHPB all pulled together to get the job done.



*A glimpse of the 2008 festival ... more to come in the festival issue*