

Sandbach Choral Society
Minutes for the Committee Meeting
Tuesday 10th October 2023, 6.30pm

Wheelock

1. **Present:** Kathryn Flavell, Pat Arnold, Ena Furber, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Andrea Boardman
2. **Apologies:** Stephen Newlove, Susan Powner, Ena, Mags Daly, Kelvin
3. **Matters Arising** Correction in the Minutes of the AGM. The Christmas concert is on Saturday 16th Dec and not the 18th as recorded.
 - **Election of Deputy Chairman.** It was agreed by vote that Pat should continue as Deputy Chair .
 - **Non-Committee posts outstanding.** Andrea and Cheryl have agreed to do the concert catering at the Autumn and Christmas concerts with Jaki Singleton. Jaki Singleton is the new Social Secretary
Concert Door Sales - Ellie Tolmie and Pat Arnold usually cover this role (to check with Ellie)
Singing Day organiser - this will be considered again after Christmas
Web manager - since Mark Rowlands has left the choir, there is an urgent need for a web manager.
 - **Re-drafting of the constitution (Margaret Smith).**
To remove the need for auditioning - it was found that this is not in the constitution but was in the Welcome Pack and will be removed. There was a discussion around supporting singers with learning the notes etc
GDPR - Kathryn will check that the current paragraph provides adequate coverage and will report back at the next meeting.

4. Programme update

- **Agreed music for 2024 concerts.** Julie has details of individual pieces that have been agreed.
- **Current concerts:**

Sat Nov 11th 2023 Celebration and Commemoration: Hall is booked from 1:30pm. Soloists are booked, biographies received and given to Margaret. Contracts signed and Dignitaries invited

Sat Dec 16th 2023 Deck the Hall. Hall is booked from 9:30am and the concert starts at 2pm. Sandbach Youth Voices will be joining us (no shared pieces). Sandy will be sending out a message about raffle money donations.

Sat March 9th 2024 Sing WithThe Spirit Spring Concert

Sat June 15th 2024 Sing We and Chant It

Sat 31st August 2024 Come and Sing Day

- **Printed programme.** It is unknown whether Margaret Smith will continue to prepare the programme notes.

5. Social events

- **Quiz Night.** St Mary's Hall is booked but we have not been asked for payment yet. Bernie and Janet have been informed of the date and are organising their teams. Jaki Singleton has kindly taken over the further organising of this event. Pat will talk to Jaki about payment methods - payment needs to be upfront.

6. AOB

- **Stage Manager.** Julie and Frank will support Kathryn in putting together a job description to aid Stephen Davies who has taken over the role.
- **Christmas music.** There has been a suggestion that choir members could be asked to buy music for the pieces in the programme that cannot be found for hire. Kathryn will ask Stephen Davies to contact Altrincham Choral first to see if they have it. Members still need their own copies of 100 Carols for Choir.
- **Missing music.** 5 pieces of music are missing. Choir members will be asked to check again to see if they have any to return.
- **Tea at 7pm before rehearsal.** There is very little uptake. Members will be asked if they want to continue with it.
- **Wine served at concerts.** There is no licence at St Peter's Church. Andrea was told by other committee members that none is needed if 'giving' alcohol then requesting a donation. **Post-meeting note:** Andrea is unable to serve alcohol in these circumstances.

Date of next meeting

14th November 2023, 18:30, Wheelock