

**Sandbach Choral Society**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Present:**

Margaret Smith, Pat Arnold, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Sue Powner

**Apologies:**

Cheryl Bolton, Ena Furber, Mags Daly, Stephen Newlove, Kelvin Leslie, Sandy Boyle

**Matters Arising:**

Margaret and Frank have organised the making of new banners for advertising Choir concerts.

These should be ready in a week. 100 Choir folder labels have also been ordered. So far only two folders have been returned to the choir from past members.

**Programme Update:**

**Spring Concert:** Pat informed the group that it was felt an additional rehearsal is necessary for this concert and that she had approached Stephen who was in favour of this. No further action has been addressed.

Julie to create a G&S poster for the programme for the Spring Concert **Julie**

Soloist contracts: Sue is to chase the two soloists to return their signed contracts. **Sue**

Tickets: Margaret suggested that St Peters in Elworth may sell some tickets for us in addition to the café next to the Unitarian Church.

**Pat**

Dress for the Spring concert is as usual.

**Summer Concert**

Julie's group has looked at the list of G&S songs to determine the most appropriate for our choir configuration and audience. Books can be hired, although Stephen has still not seen the cream Novello book.

Julie suggested we run this concert as a 'Come and Sing' event inviting local choirs to join us to swell our numbers and possibly attract some new members.

Advertising may be done through Facebook and by inviting local Sandbach choirs together with posters in the music shop in the town centre.

Dress for the Summer Concert. Undecided as yet.

**Come and Sing Day**

Handel and Purcell, no further details as yet.

**Autumn and Christmas Concerts**

Still to be agreed

Fauré's Requiem for the November Concert. Some additional ideas were discussed and Pat has Altrincham's Concert programme and suggested Will Todd's, A Little Jazz Mass. It is felt that we need to do something a little more lively and secular at Christmas time. Ideas being sought.

**Book Marks** Book marks advertising Concerts and dates were agreed to be a good way of advertising and have been very popular in the past. It was agreed these should be made available as we have dates for all the concerts and we have the venue. We just need to agree what is to be sung. Proposed dates to complete the next season are: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024, no programme yet for these dates.

**Stephen/Margaret/Frank**

2023 – 2024 season's dates:

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, 9.30/10.00 Come and Sing, Handel & Purcell.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 7.30 Fauré's Requiem + 1 other piece.

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, **2.30** Christmas Concert

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, 7.30 tbc

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 7.30 tbc

### **Social Events**

Margaret and Adie are once again happy to host the summer picnic and they have an added attraction to amuse everyone!

Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30 – 6.00, please bring a picnic and chair!

**There will be NO rehearsal on the Tuesday following Easter Monday**

Cheryl Bolton has been suggested as the next Chairman of the Choir and Sue will consult with her and hopefully gain her agreement! Margaret is to update the chairman's job description.

**Margaret**

**Date of next Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> May 6:30 pm**