

Sandbach Choral Society
Committee meeting Tuesday Dec 6th 2022
Minutes

1. Present

Margaret Smith, Ena Furber, Mags Daly, Pat Arnold, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Cheryl Bolton

2. Apologies

Stephen Newlove, Kelvin Leslie, Sue Powner

3. Matters Arising

- a) We have been unable to find a primary school choir to join us for the Christmas Concert. Two more choir pieces have been added to the programme.
- b) Music for the concerts in 2023 has been agreed. The Summer concert is to be Gilbert and Sullivan choruses.

4. Publicity

- a) Banners approx 1.5 by 1m can be obtained for around £20 each. A banner can be displayed 2 weeks before any event on the railings of the lower Waitrose carpark near the roundabout. Sites for display of an additional banner in Elworth to be investigated. Enquiries to be made about the cost of 1 or 2 banners

Margaret/ Pat/All

5. Programme update

- a) Spring concert March 25th, St Peter's, Elworth – 2 male soloists, Joseph Buckminster and Jonny Hill have been booked. Contracts to be sent out.
- b) Summer concert June 24th, St Peter's Elworth – G&S choruses. Further matters TBA
- c) Come and Sing Day Sept 2nd St Peter's Elworth – Handel and Purcell. Further matters TBA
- d) Autumn concert Nov 11th St Peter's Elworth – Music for Remembrance Day TBA
- e) Christmas concert Sat Dec 16 – this will be an afternoon concert with a rehearsal in the morning. We have the room booked from 11am to 5pm. Timings for rehearsal and concert to be confirmed.

6. Christmas concert Dec 15th 2022 Sandbach Town Hall

2 Tickets to be sent to Linda Green.

Ticket sales are still very poor. Margaret will do a reminder at tonight's rehearsal. Kitchen has been booked. Warm fruit punch and mince pies to be served at the interval. Plastic or polystyrene cups to be used. Margaret to ask Sue Powner about those left over from Come and Sing day.

Pink bow ties for the men have been purchased. Ladies to wear black with pink scarf, men to wear black suit, white shirt pink bow tie. Glittery Christmas items can also be worn.

Mayor of Cheshire East will be attending

7. Social Events

- a) Choir dinner Sat Jan 14th at Crewe Golf Club. Money to be given to Jayne Bunn at the rehearsal tonight.

- b) Quiz Night Fri Feb 24th St Mary's church hall 7pm. Quiz master and hall booked. Tickets to be bought prior to the event to prevent losses on food. Pat to produce tickets. Jayne to be asked to confirm price for fish and chips.

Pat/

Margaret/Jayne

8. AOB

- a) Contract for Peter Kwater to be prepared commencing Jan 1st 2023. £75 per rehearsal + £10 contribution toward travel.
- b) Sandbach branch of Nat West will be closing in Feb 2023 which will make banking arrangements more difficult. Arrangements for obtaining cash will have to be made with the Post Office in advance.

The possibility of a choir card payment machine to be investigated.

- c) Pat brought the new Sandbach “Go Local” magazine to the attention of the committee. They are looking for articles of local interest to include in the January edition. Suggestion that we should submit a piece about our recent successful appearance at Turnpike Court, with photographs

Margaret

- d) Frank expressed some concern about the effect of moving the concerts to Elworth from the centre of town. Discussion followed. St Peter’s is more comfortable than St Mary’s and has good parking. It is also cheaper than the Town Hall. Situation to be reviewed at the end of 2023.

Post code for use in Satnav to be checked.

Pat

Next meeting Tues Feb 7th 6.30 Wheelock Please note later start time