

Sandbach Choral Society
Committee Meeting - Tues Oct 26th 6pm, Wheelock

1 - Present

Margaret Smith, Pat Arnold, Ena Furber, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Linda Norris, Kelvin Leslie, Stephen Newlove, Mags Daly, Sandy Boyle.

2 - Apologies - Andrew Green

3 - Election of Deputy Chair - Margaret proposed Pat Arnold who was duly elected.

4 - Christmas Concert content (Wednesday 15th December Sandbach Town Hall)

Stephen proposed an hour long concert, without a break, of carols, Christmas music and readings This would minimise the time spent in an indoor space and reduce general circulation.

Both content and format were agreed.

There will be mince pies available on arrival and a raffle for Society funds. A hamper and a limited number of prizes (about 8). Margaret to obtain hamper from Aldi and members to be asked to donate specified prizes.

Margaret/Sandy

Concert will be free, unticketed. Town hall to be asked for capacity number of seats.

Linda

Clicker on door to count audience in.

Pat

Retirement collection for St Luke's. Collection buckets to be supplied. Pat to enquire about this. St Luke's has offered to help with printing of posters and tickets.

Pat

Programmes to be produced in-house, concert title "The Spirit of Christmas".

Music practised on Zoom will be held over to a later concert.

Invitations to go to Mayor of Sandbach, Mayor of Cheshire East, Fiona Bruce MP and representatives of St Luke's.

Choir dress. Women, all black with some glitter and red touches, Men black with red bow tie.

Choir folders to be used.

5 - 2022 Concert dates and programme content

Spring concert - Sun April 3rd Sandbach Town Hall: Stainer's Crucifixion with All in the April Evening, God be in my head, All things bright and beautiful, works arranged by Stephen + other music to be decided.

Two part concert with break, raffle and cold drinks

Summer Concert - Sun June 26th Sandbach Town Hall, Songs from the shows

Come and Sing day - Sat Sept 3rd Sandbach Girls' School, Haydn Creation choruses.

Autumn concert - Sun Nov 6th Sandbach Town Hall, Haydn "Creation"

Christmas Concert - Wed Dec 14th Sandbach Town Hall

Linda to check availability with Town Hall and Girls' School

Linda

We have 4 bookings at Town Hall paid for and carried over from before lockdown.

All dates and content subject to choir numbers and Covid restrictions at the time.

Margaret to send out a newsletter with this information to ensure members who intend to return later are aware of our plans.

Margaret

6 - Review of return to rehearsal

Return to rehearsals is going well although numbers are much reduced. We have 40 members at present of whom about 30 are attending rehearsals. Some members who are presently not attending have declared a wish or intention to return in the future. We had 60+ members prior to lockdown.

Despite the reduction in numbers the choir is producing a good sound

The matter of reintroduction of the tea break was discussed. Margaret to ask members to think about

whether they would like a tea break and a 2 hour rehearsal time, or prefer to continue as at present, with 5 minute rest only, a 1.5 hr rehearsal time.

Margaret

7 - Recruitment

Call for new members to go out on Facebook, and Instagram

Stephen Davies to be asked to speak to his U3a choir about joining us

Margaret

Sandy to enquire about a recruitment piece in U3A online newsletter
Advert in Sandbach Directory
Ads on town notice boards and in shops
Possible stall or song spot at Makers' Market

**Sandy
Margaret
Pat/Red
Margaret**

8 - AOB

Problems with current website including requests for payments for unspecified services. Jo Jordan who set up the website has now left the choir. Julie has agreed to contact Jo via Facebook to ask for her help to sort this out over the next 12 months. We have paid for this year's subscription

Julie

9 - Date of next meeting Tues Nov 23rd, 6pm, Wheelock