

**Sandbach Choral Society**  
**Committee meeting 13/09/22**

1. Present

Margaret Smith, Sue Powner, Pat Arnold, Mags Daly, Julie Barker, Frank Barker, Stephen Newlove, Sandy Boyle

2. Apologies

Ena Furber, Kelvin Leslie, Andrew Green

3. Matters Arising

a) Update on Christmas programme. Elworth Hall school does not have a choir. Mags to enquire with Pebble Brook and Gainsborough Primary schools in Crewe. Sandy to enquire about Offley Road in Sandbach. Margaret will draft a letter to the Head **Mags/Sandy/Margaret**

b) Quiz Night. Sandy to visit Top of The Hill Chip shop to establish price for 100 + suppers and pay deposit **Sandy**

c) Margaret has spoken to Andrew: Chemo has been stopped and radiotherapy to commence shortly. He is not yet able to return to accompanist duties. Margaret to approach Peter Kwater about continuing as accompanist until Christmas initially. **Margaret**

4. Election of Deputy Chairman

Pat Arnold expressed her willingness to continue in the role and was duly elected

5. Publicity, posters and programmes

Cheryl Bolton has been approached about taking on the role of publicity officer. Margaret will produce a list of contacts. **Margaret**

Julie has produced the poster for quiz night. Sue Powner will be question master. The date has already been posted on the website.

For future events, Margaret will type up the programmes and is negotiating with Malbank School about prices for printing programmes and posters. **Margaret.**

Julie will continue to produce posters using the same format in different colours, promoting a brand image. **Julie**

6.) Programme Update

Stephen has sent a proposed list of works for concerts from Christmas 2022 to 2024. The list has been circulated to committee members (attached).

a) Christmas concert 2022 Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Sandbach Town Hall

The proposed programme is good but we need to know how the music can be sourced. Some may be available through library loan. Some items may have to be dropped if we are joined by a children's choir

b) Spring Concert 2023

Proposed date March 25<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's, Elworth. Stephen is available for that date. Enquiries to be made re availability of St Peter's. Pat to check on booking form about the possibility of running a raffle at the concert. Tenor and bass soloists **Pat /Sue**

Music Handel Messiah Pt2, Puccini Messa di Gloria

c) Summer Concert 2023

Proposed date 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 St Peter's, Elworth

It was felt that the proposed programme was too like that of several other choirs in the area and did not reflect the nature of the society. Whilst the summer concert should be lighter it should still have a choral society feel. A programme of Gilbert and Sullivan was suggested. Books of G&S choruses are available through library loans

d) Come and Sing day Sat Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> St Peter's, Elworth  
Purcell and Handel anthems

e) Autumn Concert Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 St Peter's, Elworth  
Purcell and Handel concert. Soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists

f) Christmas Concert 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 Venue TBA Possibility of afternoon concert

g) Spring Concert Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Venue TBA  
Julie has copies of some of the music proposed. Soprano, tenor and bass soloists

h) Summer Concert June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Madrigals

i) Come and Sing day 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2024 St Peter's, Elworth  
Schubert Mass in D  
Hayden Insanae et Vanae Curae  
Mozart Coronation Mass

Margaret to send a list of music to Stephen Davies to check availability through Library Loans

**Margaret**

#### 7. Quiz night

We are able to have 20 tables in the Hall, 120 people max. This should reduce the cost of supper. Sandy to enquire. Members to be asked to give £1 or £2 to Sandy, who will buy raffle prizes. Poster is on the website and on Facebook.

**Sandy**

#### 8. AOB

Room booking will in future be done by Sue as part of the secretary's role. Margaret to supply contact details. Stephen Davies to be thanked for doing this since the resignation of the previous secretary.

#### 9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm Wheelock