

NMM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A G E N D A

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
Emailed 27/7/20
- 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

C). Local Vocals was one of the matters arising at the Meeting. This is a report from Eunice.

Local Vocals came about after watching a TV programme on the benefits of music and singing for people living with Dementia. The choir was approached to find out if members would be willing to give up their time to go around to various Care Homes to sing to residents. The outcome was a definite yes and a rota of about 24 singers was drawn up.

Ignorance is bliss! Not realising just how much work we would have to do, over the summer break Sharon and I set about choosing songs, typing out words, asking Chris to record the backing tracks for us and finally after many meetings, Local Vocals took shape.

Our repertoire is a mixture of Show, Folk, well known Pop songs, and WW2 songs.

Care Homes locally were contacted and after getting an extremely positive response, 10 of us did our first 'performance'. It was decided no 'uniform'. The ladies were asked to wear bright tops and they didn't disappoint. Gentlemen, white shirts.

Eric very kindly put all the words into files for the choir and copied all the words to give out to residents.

I think I can safely say we got as much out of the concerts as the residents. We were very well received and residents and nursing staff sang along. One resident even dancing!!

It was delightful to see some residents, at first very quiet start singing and clapping when a particular song brought back some memories. I think a few of us even shed some tears! When the concerts were over, singing was heard in the corridors, as they were escorted back to their rooms.

We did about 4 concerts a month starting in October 2019 and over the next 5 months even did some repeat 'gigs' and then sadly in March, lockdown happened. Obviously we have been unable to do anymore concerts since then.

Once we get back to 'normal' I will of course contact all the homes and book some future dates. I would just like to finish by thanking Sharon, Chris, and Eric, (for all the technical help!!) and of course to all the members of the choir who came along, gave up their time and made the concerts such a success. Also thank you to the committee for allowing us to run with the idea. If I have left anyone out I apologise.

In all I feel it has been a total success and look forward to getting back to 'Singing for Dementia!!'

- 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Emailed 29th July 2020
- 5. TREASURERS REPORT**
Emailed 28th July 2020
- 6. MD's REPORT**
Emailed 28th July 2020

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

There being no other candidates the Committee is as follows

Chairman	Lin Kellaway
Vice Chairman	<i>Not Filled</i>
Secretary	Eric Gerrey
Treasurer	Sharon Thomas
Committee Members	Margaret Ballard Jerry Gamble Maureen Pay Louise Staniforth Sarah Turl
Music Librarian	Tony Jardine
Alto Rep	Maggie Jacobs
Bass Rep	Eric Gerrey
Sop Rep	Hilary Green
Tenor Rep	Percy Knight

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Returning in September

We will obviously only do this when it is safe and under government advisement and following all of the guidelines.

Steve Swan has an email proposal on this:

I would please ask the meeting to consider the following proposal:

That the choir will not physically resume eg in the same venue, until it is completely safe to do so.

Even if/when there is a vaccine developed, I recommend we take on board the lessons from this pandemic going forward in terms of sensible hygiene and social distancing between members in order to minimise the transferability of coughs, colds and other virus"s which will come around.

The measure introduced before lockdown of members staying away if they have cough cold or other virus symptoms should be adopted as standard practice.

Like everyone else in the choir, I really love practicing and performing with fellow choir members, but we should all put the health and wellbeing of others ahead of all other considerations.

Here's hoping we will all be able to get back together in the not too distant future.

b) Singing at Weddings

c) Medical Forms - Report By Sarah Turl

d) 50th Celebrations

