

# **NEW MUSIC MAKERS**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023**

My first year as Chairman has been quite remarkable.

Taking over from Lin, with her several years of service just not as Chairman, but as Secretary and as a Committee Member was not an easy task to follow, but with the Committee's help I think we have managed. I must thank Lin for her help and advice during this past year, it has been greatly appreciated.

Well, we managed to stage our first live Christmas concert after two years, and having a sponsor who paid for the expenses for the concert, we were able to only charge a modest fee, and everyone who came and saw us really enjoyed the selection of music that we were able to offer.

We then had the Carol Concert at Royal Victoria Country Park, and the atmosphere for the evening was something to behold, and again, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Over the Christmas period we were able to go out and sing for some private concerts, and again, they were well received by the groups we sang to, especially the Halo club, where we dressed in Victorian costumes as it was the theme for their Christmas Get Together, and the effort was very much appreciated by the club. Again, thanks to Lin for supply of the Victorian costumes, which she has now donated to the choir and are kept in storage at the Lock-Up.

We were able to put on a successful Summer Concert at KCC, but this year the audience numbers were down, possibly due to the fact that it was FA Cup Final Day, but we only managed to make a small profit for this event, which will affect the amount we can spend on costumes and music, so we need to think about next year, and where we hold the Summer Concert and if we do one or two.

None of our concerts would be the success they are without the loyal help of the partners and friends that come along each time and help out as Front of House, with the Raffle, and in the kitchen. Without them we would not be able to put on our concerts, and our grateful thanks is extended to them all.

We have had several members resign during the year, but saying this, we have also gained several members, so our numbers have kept relatively stable during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work over the past year. I think we have worked well together, and I certainly could not have done the job of Chairman without their help and guidance.

Well, that's all for now, and I look forward to seeing you in September when we return for the Christmas season.

Regards

Eric Gerrey - Chairman