

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING – Minutes 1st October 2024

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Sarah Turl, Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas, Jerry Gamble, Rebecca Williams, Margaret Ballard, Naomi Holloway

1. Apologies

Gen Marsh

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Photos for the website still ongoing - Rebecca has contacted Louise for photos to send to Emmy, but no reply. Sarah to chase Louise

STu

Eric has talked to Lillian about leaving early/times.

Rose Theatre option for the summer concert - Eric is still waiting on a reply from them.

John Lewis - 11th December 7pm booked. Possibility of one other slot.

Rebecca has taken over the booking of venues and halls from Eric

RW

The Christmas booking of Hedge End Hall is confirmed and paid. Gen is sorting out the gold tops.

We have paid for the summer spectacular.

Naomi has put our important dates on the WhatsApp Group, but to be changed.

Hall bookings for social evening on 16th November:

Village hall is fully booked, suggestions were:

a) Centre 2000 up to £30 per hour 7-11pm 16th November

b) Drummond centre for the 16th November

c) change Hedge End village hall to 23rd November

The Underhill Centre, St Johns Church has subsequently been booked from 6-10pm.

Shuffleboard and Eric's stew won the vote.

Summer Spectacular - Discussed 5th July but prefer 12th July 2025. Chris and Lillian are free. Rebecca to confirm booking of Village Hall, July 12th 9am-7pm.

RW

Christmas concerts 2024 bookings are OK.

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Rebecca to book Village Hall for 2025.
Saturday 13th December 9am-11pm.

RW

Lillian has asked for sectional rehearsals with an additional pianist. There is no allowance in the budget for this additional cost. It was discussed and the possibility of a max of 3 sectionals before March could be feasible. The general thought was no.

Eric to tell Lillian not to proceed with sectionals as we have not planned for the extra costs.

EG

The question was asked who should be informed about rehearsal apologies. Eric will say at rehearsal that absences should be emailed to the secretary who will pass them on to Eunice to mark in the register.

Naomi will send an email about apologies and remind members to let her know of any changes to contact/next of kin, so records can be kept up to date.

NH

The question was asked where the minutes are on the website as they are not very obvious - Emmy to be asked to make them more visible and add them under members with their own tab.

NH

4. Correspondence

Bitterne URC wants a concert there, in April 2025, re Margaret Whale's email. Eric will forward the email to Naomi and see if Chris is free, and reply to the email.

URC - Chris is available on the 24 April 2025.

5. Finance

£6586 total in bank at present.

Payments include the deposit for the Christmas Concerts hall, and £200 for the Summer Spectacular.

Shurgards first invoice was incorrect, has included insurance and charges us every month not every 4 weeks, so is a slight increase.

Sharon to query if our insurance covers fire.

STh

Naomi queried printing forms and Sharon advised emailing them to members, who can email back or print it themselves. She also asked about backup on the secretary's laptop – Naomi to speak to Emmy about storing forms.

NH

It was decided to take the old secretary's laptop to Jamie's to clear off the files, and donate the laptop to them as "payment".

Naomi to speak to Emmy about clearing off the data.

NH

Profits from the Summer Spectacular were £597 - this was ticket sales of £1049 less the draw costs etc.

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Approx £300 to spend on music - for the music committee.

It was decided that when Chris stays on until 10pm for solos, to give him an extra £20.

6. Publicity

The Christmas poster draft has been circulated - the running Santa was good. It was thought that the original colour of green was best. Also the postcode letters need resizing.

Ticket prices to remain £10 and £6 for under 16s.

Once completed, Sarah will share and put on Ticket Source. **STu**

Eric will print a few A4 posters. **EG**

Sarah will speak to Mo about a printing Company that is local to her. **STu**

7. Website and FB

The website still needs updating - re photos - this is ongoing.

Dates: 14th December Christmas Concerts. 7th June Summer Concert and new date of 12 July for Summer Spectacular.

8. Local Vocals

October is a quiet month, one cancelled because of a covid case in the home.

It was decided to start singing Christmas songs in December.

Hawthorns 6th December.

Still no reply from Sunnybanks.

9. Forthcoming events

16th November social event - Shuffleboard and Eric's stew.

Haskins – wear Christmas jumpers.

Christmas Concert Ladies – wear gold tops.

John Lewis – wear gold tops.

For the Christmas concerts, everyone to have a think about presents for the children.

Will start to ask in November for gifts for the Christmas raffles.

Sharon will get some more raffle tickets. **STh**

10. Choir welfare

Everyone is reminded to make sure each month that there is nothing arising, and continue to monitor. **ALL**

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11. AOB

Naomi asked about old forms and retention of data - if someone leaves, we should delete that data straight away. Naomi to check this is on the form. **NH**
Sharon keeps Gift Aid records for 7 years.

Naomi to give Eric forms to shred when members leave. **NH**

We need someone to take over the new member welcome packs, for the two new members after the audition on Thursday. Naomi to check laptop for forms and update welcome pack. **NH**

There have been a few complaints about Lillian going too fast and people struggling to hear her - Eric will ask choir members to keep quiet and ask Lillian to use the mic again. **EG**

Gerry to contact Emmy about sheetmusic.com. **JG**

The next 2 meeting dates for 2024:

Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Meeting closed at 9.30pm