

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 22nd April 2025

Present:

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

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Isaac is unable to do the Sound Engineering for the Summer Spectacular, but ST has contacted Toby Hall and he is happy to do it. **Action complete.**

Potential for Guides to help with catering at the Summer Spectacular/Christmas concerts - STu advised that the guides may be able to help us by doing it as a fund-raising activity. It was suggested that we could have a pot for donations and perhaps donate some of the raffle profits to them. They would need to be managed by an adult leader. **Action ongoing.**

EG has contacted a lady who used to do the catering for Haskins, and she has agreed to take charge of the kitchen. **Action complete.**

Autumn social – Underhill Centre has been booked for Saturday Oct 11th 2025. Lin Kellaway has agreed to do a Beetle Drive and Quiz. **Action complete.**

Hayling Island event – EG still to find out more details. **Action ongoing.**

4. Correspondence

Application forms are not in printable format on i-pads. NH to redesign the form and EG will print some out. **Action ongoing.**

5. Finance

Total assets are £7469. A new keyboard has been purchased with a wheeled box to transport it for £570.

6. Publicity

200 fliers have been printed, and STh and Elaine have put some up in Hedge End village, in shops and outside on notice boards. STh also took one to Eastleigh library and the Rose Theatre. Stock of fliers is low – EG to ask members to bring back any they have not used. STu to look at other places in Eastleigh. **Action ongoing.**

STu advised that the tickets would be issued as “e-tickets”. Some will be reserved, and Front of House will be given a list of people who have these.

7. Website and Facebook

Poster to be put onto website. **Action complete.**

8. Local Vocals

There has been an issue with some LV members signing out after a visit to Hamble Heights Care Home in an unacceptable way, so that LV have now been asked not to go back there to sing. ED has written a letter of apology to the Care Home, but although one of the members concerned has offered to go to the home themselves to apologise, it was agreed that it was best to leave things as they are and draw a line under the episode. New venue at Rosewood, Woolston.

9. Forthcoming events

Bitterne URC - Thursday 24th April 2.00 pm.

Charity Gospel Concert (for Mountbatten Hampshire and the Food Bank) – Saturday 28th June, 3 pm at St James Church, West End. Three songs to be sung. EG to ask members who would be able to go. **Action complete.**

Summer Concert – Four ushers/fire wardens required, also raffle volunteers. EG to ask choir members if they know anyone who could help. **Action EG.**

Martyn has already agreed to be Front of House Manager. Following a visit to the Rose Theatre by STh and Chris Allison, it was agreed that only one microphone would be used for the soloists. Because Chris's dais is in a position that means some people would not have a good view of the choir, it was agreed that a Reserved Notice would be put on some of the seats directly behind him.

The raffle table with the prizes can be moved out of sight once the concert begins, so that it is not necessary for someone to stay with them.

STu asked for suggestions for pictures to use for the backdrop, which will be a white screen behind the choir.

GM to talk to Keziah about what she needs to wear. Suggested white top and black trousers. **Action GM.**

Summer Spectacular – Saturday 12th July. STu would like to have details of music etc a month before the event, for the programmes to be printed. RW suggested we should find out who will not be at the Spectacular.

Christmas at Bishops Waltham – Thursday 27th November 5.30 pm.

John Lewis – Sunday 7th December afternoon as a possibility. EG to finalise. **Action ongoing.**

Haskins – 1.00 pm Sunday 14th and 21st December – to be confirmed. **Action ongoing.**

10. Choir welfare

There is a concern with the lack of mobility of one of the choir members, who needs to hold on to people to move around. They are finding it difficult to get off the chair. STh offered to have a word with them to see if a cushion might help. **Action complete.**

It was mentioned by ED that one of our members was still troubled by the volume of the piano. It was suggested that perhaps this person could move back a row so she was further away, but also that Chris be approached to ask Keziah to turn the volume down to a more manageable level. **Action EG.**

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

11. AOB

GM advised that when visiting the lock-up she was told she needed to have an app on her phone to authorise her entering the premises. This app would apparently have to be authorised by EG, who knew nothing about it. He has contacted Shurgards, and it appears STh will need to set the app up on her phone as her email address is down as the contact. STh will send the passcode to EG once she has set it up for him to check it works before notifying other members who need it. **Action STh.**

NH and RW advised that they will be stepping down at the AGM. EG to advise members accordingly so that anyone interested in becoming Secretary can come forward. **Action EG.**

Meeting closed at 2100 hrs.
Next meeting 20th May.