

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 30th September 2025

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas (ST), Sarah Turl (STu), Jerry Gamble, Elaine Walter, Jacqui Clift, Gen Marsh.

1. Apologies:

Margaret Ballard

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

John Lewis – Agreed performance on 29th November 12.00 pm. Choir to wear uniform (to be agreed nearer the time as to what colour). **Action complete.**

Application forms are not in printable format on i-pads. NH to redesign the form and EG will print some out. JC will investigate this. Now sorted. **Action complete.**

Website – Emmy to take photos of members not currently on website this week at rehearsal and remove those who have left. MD details updated. **Action EM ongoing.**

Wedding of Jason Brown - Full complement of singers now obtained and music put on website by JG. **Action complete**

Retired music

JG has put some of this onto Ebay and will monitor any interest. None sold as yet, but as the music will stay on there, no further action. **Action complete.**

Summer Spectacular wash-up

Once mugs are removed, ST and Martyn will revisit the unit to see what the next best options would be for storing the cups and saucers etc. **Action ongoing.**

Agreed that as Lin Kellaway had provided the mugs, she be consulted as to what she would like to happen to them. Lin confirmed she is happy for them to go. **Action complete.**

4. Correspondence

None

5. Finance

Total assets currently £11922. Payments made for Christmas flyers £25, and balance for social event in October £43.20. Deposit account has been opened with £5000, and Keziah advised of pianist fee increase.

6. Publicity

Flyers have been given out to choir members to distribute, and advertisements placed with local papers and magazines. A letter has been sent to the Mayoress of Eastleigh to invite her to our Christmas concert. Tickets will be printed by EG. He will also send copy of poster to past members and friends. **Action EG**

7. Website and Facebook

It was suggested that future event dates for the choir be put on the main front page of the website as well as the past dates. Also the dates be put on the members page in pdf format so that members can print it off if required. EG to contact Emmy. **Action complete.** It was noted that the presentation of items on the website looked different on a phone to a computer screen. EG to ask EM if she can correct this. Committee agreed that the latter point did not seem to affect everyone, so NFA. **Action complete.**

8. Local Vocals

Christmas music to include 3 new songs – Deck the Halls, Wonderful Christmastime and Joy to the World. JG to put onto the website. **Action complete.**

9. Forthcoming events

Social event Beetle drive and quiz 11th October to be organised at Underhill Centre. Price £5 per ticket, members to bring their own drinks and nibbles. Email to be sent out and list to be provided at choir for names. **Action complete.**

Bishops Waltham event agreed for 27th November – ladies to wear ponchos and scarves. GM asked if choir would be interested in performing at Bishops Waltham Carnival on June 13th, outside on the recreation ground. In principle this was agreed – more info to be obtained. **Action ongoing GM.**

Christmas concerts

EG to see if he can borrow Santa outfit. **Action EG**

Gifts for children – STu suggested Christmas “spectacles” from Amazon. All agreed to purchase 2 packs of the durable paper type. Purchased online at the meeting. ST will purchase chocolate bars nearer the time.

Draw prizes – EG to provide 2 meat hampers. EW offered to make up 2 grocery hampers if choir members would donate items. ST suggested we ask for monetary donations as well to buy a variety of prizes.

Draw prize table – agreed we should try placing the table in the space between Chris’s rostrum and the audience.

Fish and Chips – GM will manage this, but reduce choice to make things simpler.

Drinks for choir at interval – GM will arrange for list to be completed of what drinks are required so that the ladies in the kitchen can have them ready in the ante-room after the first half of both concerts.

Mince pies – agreed we had too many bought last year. ST to look back and see how many were purchased in past years.

Mulled wine – agreed we needed more than last year, but if we use the coffee cups they should only be half filled. ST to look back to see how many bottles were purchased in past years.

Haskins – choir can wear Christmas jumpers.

10. Choir welfare

Suggestion that chairs at rehearsals be given more space between them, perhaps by making 4 rows. This will be discussed at our next committee meeting with Chris.

11. AOB

Folders

STu provided an example of a music folder used by another choir, but as it would only hold 10 copies of music, and no single sheets, it was felt this would not be a viable option to replace the folders we have. ST suggested current members who feel their folders have got damaged (mainly because a proportion use them for rehearsals) could buy a replacement on the understanding it is used solely for concert, as we have some at the unit. She will look back to see what the original cost was. GM agreed to mention this at rehearsals. **Action ST/GM**

Auditions for Christmas concerts

Panel to be made up of Chris, Keziah, Eric, Eunice and one other to choose solos. Pete Blake to be asked. **Action EG**

Welcoming prospective members

ST asked whether people coming to rehearsals for the first time could be mentioned when notices are read to make them feel welcome. Agreed this would be done but EG obviously needs to be made aware of who they are.

Meeting closed at 09.00 pm

Next meeting Tuesday October 28th 7.30 pm