

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 25th November 2025

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Eunice Deuchar, Sharon Thomas (ST), Jacqui Clifft, Margaret Ballard, Sarah Turl (STu), Gen Marsh, Jerry Gamble

1. Apologies:

Elaine Walter

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Website – Keziah has now provided a profile. **Action complete.**

Bishops Waltham Carnival June 13th 2026 – we will be paid £100, and CA is available to play. **Action ongoing**

Christmas concert – ED has purchased 2 tins of sweets. **Action complete**

Charity support – Hampshire and isle of Wight Air Ambulance chosen. **Action complete**

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Finance

Total assets currently £12,290. Donations for raffle have continued to come in, and we have sold some tickets for the Christmas show. Raffle prizes all now obtained. We have received £15 for the sale of some of our old music, and Tony has been reimbursed £110 for the last set of summer music.

6. Publicity

Christmas shows – afternoon sold out and approximately 82 tickets sold for the evening, when the Mayor of Eastleigh is attending. Agreed programmes to be printed on white paper. Words for the carols have been printed.

7. Website and Facebook

JC suggested that we advertise our chosen charity and show a totaliser on the website, perhaps including their logo, on the main home page. The website is currently a little inconsistent with headings and needs something easily accessible for members to find out full details of coming events. JC to contact Emmy to arrange a meeting. Suggested members be encouraged to refer to the website and not rely on WhatsApp. **Action JC**

8. Local Vocals

Sleighbells purchased as agreed. Bookings being taken for next year. STu thought it might be nice for LV to be showcased perhaps at the summer spectacular to advertise what they do. To be considered.

9. Forthcoming events

Bishops Waltham event agreed for 27th November – due to possible inclement weather, GM has secured some shelter for the choir in a hall.

Christmas concerts

STu mentioned that she is getting a lot of choir members coming to her for tickets instead of going through Ticketsource. This may be because she is able to provide the tickets without a booking fee. It was agreed that it be made clear to people that she will only take orders in the last few weeks before the show. Otherwise they need to book through the proper channels.

List of “jobs” for the setting up and running of the concerts will be provided for choir members to complete. **Action ST**

Kitchen – Milk 2 x 6pts and 1 x 4pt. **Action ST**

Mulled wine – 18 bottles. **Action EG**

Mince pies – 40 boxes. **Action EG**

2 x boxes of biscuits – **Action ST**

200 x 6oz disposable cups for mulled wine – **Action EG**

ST will revisit the stock of napkins and advise EG if any more required. Agreed that choir will use paper towels. **Action ST**

EG has provided some paper tablecloths for the tables displaying mince pies and mulled wine.

Royal Victoria Country Park Christmas Service 2026 – we may be asked if the choir can attend with Chris Allison next year, but it was agreed that we would need payment to cover Chris’s fee. Chris to be advised. **Action EG**

10. Choir welfare

None

11. AOB

Committee Members’ meal with partners – agreed as 4 January 2026 at The Forge, Shedfield, 1.00 pm. **Action EG**

Choir Social Meal – Lin Kellaway and Rebecca Williams have offered to run with this for March 2026.

Christmas concert 2026 – currently booked for 12 December 2026. STu advised that this date clashes with the Botley Choir concert, and asked whether our choir could change to the week before or the week after. It was generally felt within the committee that people would have to make a choice if they wanted to support both concerts, but EG will approach Chris Allison to obtain his views. **Action EG**

Music – Jerry to speak to Tony to obtain more old music to sell.

Future committee meeting dates set as follows:

Jan 20th

Feb 17th

March 17th.

Meeting closed at 09.35 pm. Next meeting Jan 20th 2026, 7.30 pm.