

2NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 30th June 2026

Present:

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

1. Apologies: Gen Marsh

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

Recruitment - Agreed that an advert would be produced by STu and printed on green card by EG (postcard size) to be put in prominent places. Suggestion made that the advert make clear we currently have vacancies for a tenor. **Action closed**

New Year's Eve Party – Action ongoing EG

Local Vocals photograph for website. Martyn Thomas has volunteered (via ST) to do this when everyone is available. **Action ongoing ST**

Mayor's concert – Still heard nothing about sending money to Mayor's charity. When we do we will take our £100 due payment from the amount. Sarah will chase. **Action STu**

Website and Facebook JG pointed out that if members of the public clicked on "Future Events" a message came up saying that members of the choir needed to log in through the members page. No actual information was there for the public. This needs to be removed. JC to contact Emmy. **Action closed**

Summer concert – All actions closed – see below for "wash-up"

AOB Uniforms – Need to ensure everyone understands that uniforms comprise of specified tops, black trousers or long black skirts, black shoes (not open) with black pop-socks. Website to be updated accordingly. **Action closed**

Banners – Replacement banner purchased. **Action closed**

Bishops Waltham Carnival – Choir withdrew due to lack of numbers. Going forward we will announce new forthcoming events and keep mentioning them at rehearsals. A list will be put out for completion for attendees 4 weeks before the event by JC, and members asked to honour their commitment if they put their names down.

Summer Concert wash-up– Refreshments. It was noted that queues for refreshments was still long. Suggestion made that perhaps drinks could have been put out ready on individual tables.

Photos and videos of the concert are on choir WhatsApp which not everyone has access to. JG suggested we have a link on our website by having a dedicated folder where a Webpage could source Video files to be embedded. It would not have to be constantly updated with new videos as JG could upload them to the folder. JC will look into. **Action JC**

Choreography for a couple of the songs was not good – might be better if people don't know it, to do nothing.

Access to stage - JG was concerned about the lack of access to the stage for those with walking difficulties – this will need to be addressed if we use KCC again in the future.

4. Correspondence

Thornden Wind Band - Enquiry received from Gabrielle Home, assistant conductor of Thornden Community Wind Band in Chandlers Ford, to see whether choir would be interested in joint performance at Thorndon Hall on a Friday evening. Have suggested 11 December 2026 (day before our own concert). Chris not available on Fridays – JC has emailed back to see if they can do an different day.

Hedge End Funfair - Invite (27 June) from Charlie Wheatley, Matthews Amusements supporting Burnetts Funfair in Hedge End on Saturday 4th July 2026 for choir to perform. Not enough time to prepare and Chris not keen on performing in the open air, so we will decline this offer. **Action JC**

Making Music Rep - Email (11 June) from Maureen Pay requesting someone to take over the Making Music Rep role. As several Committee members are already attached to Making Music, it was decided a Rep was not required. ST will remove MP from Making Music. **Action ST**

5. Finance

Total assets currently £15025. Payments made of £50 to auditor, £88 for ink cartridge to cover EG printing costs and £88.80 for banner. Gift Aid received from HMRC £2343. Summer Concert surplus £704. Contra account still includes £602 from Mayor's concert. £100 will be moved from here as payment for our concert unless we are paid separately. Balance is amount available for Summer Spectacular draw prizes.

6. Publicity

Nearly all tickets sold for Summer Spectacular. Only 5 left. Adverts for tenors are being distributed.

7. Website and Facebook

Clips have been put on Facebook from the Summer Concert.

8. Local Vocals

Had to cancel one event as not enough people available to sing. ED concerned that people might not be happy with weekly commitments. Only one event in August to allow for holidays. ED would like to have more music included – EG happy to rebind the residents' copies with larger binders when the music is sorted.

9. Forthcoming events

NMM Summer Spectacular Hedge End Village Hall – 11th July 2.30 pm. Deposit on hall hire does not need to be paid. Also for Christmas Concert booking. Ladies to wear white tops. **ST** to put out a list to gain helpers on the day. **EG** to obtain jam, cream and small pots. **ST** will obtain all other refreshments. Napkins purchased. **EG** to bring 4 jugs for squash. Draw table to be set up behind MD's rostrum, then moved to the side before concert begins. **ST** to purchase voucher for Amelia. **EG** to buy biscuits. Programmes still to be printed – **STu/EG**. Bags to be provided by **MB** in case draw winners need one to take prize home. Suggested we have two helpers per table.

NMM AGM – 16th July at Methodist Church Hall. JC agreed to take Minutes in absence of ST.

Bishops Waltham Christmas Fayre – 26th November.

Freegrounds School – 28th November. 11.00 am – 2.30 pm. We have been asked to do two 1hr slots, but this is considered to be too long. Timing of performances to be negotiated.

John Lewis – Saturday 5th December 2026 – 12 – 1 pm, arrive 11.45 am

NMM Christmas concert Hedge End Village Hall – 12th December.

Haskins - 13th and 20th December.

Summer Concert 2027 - 5th or 12th June tbc

Summer Spectacular 2027 - 17 July

Christmas Concert 2027 - 11 December (1.00 pm sound check, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm performance).

10. Choir welfare

None

11. AOB

GM has been asked if NMM would like to join a band (details to be determined) at the Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham, in November. Agreed in principle by committee. More details to come from GM. **Action GM**

Meeting closed at. 9.30 pm.

Next meeting – AGM 16th July 7.30 pm.