

NEW MUSIC MAKERS COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes 4th August 2026

Present:

Eric Gerrey (Chairman), Sarah Turl (Stu), Sharon Thomas (ST), Jacqui Clifft, Eunice Deuchar, Saffron Armstrong, Jerry Gamble, Elaine Walter

1. Apologies: Gen Marsh

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: 30th June 2026

Agreed by all as correct.

3. Matters Arising

New Year's Eve Party – Agreed Action closed

Local Vocals photograph for website. Martyn Thomas has volunteered (via ST) to do this when everyone is available. Waiting for an opportunity at Snowdrops care home. **Action ongoing ST**

Mayor's concert – Funds now transferred to the Mayor's account £502. Action closed

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 closed**

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 so will have to refuse. EG to advise. **Action closed.**

Hedge End Funfair – As request to perform received a few days before the event, and Chris not happy to perform outside, offer declined. **Action closed.**

Making Music Rep – ST has now removed Maureen Pay from the website along with other ex-committee members. **Action closed**

Bishops Waltham Event - 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 ongoing**

Summer Spectacular – wash up notes – Kitchen staff requested that in future they be allowed full rein on how to operate with dealing with drinks and cakes. Front of House requested that choir members do not congregate in the entrance way until they are ready to go into the hall to perform. Bags were provided for people to take cake home which was successful and will be done again in the future. EW has put sets of cake stand plates into envelopes to make the sorting easier next year.

4. Correspondence

Mayor's Office have asked us to perform 22nd May 2027 for his charities Wessex Cancer Support, Wet Wheels Hamble and 1216 Squadron Eastleigh Air Cadets. Chris happy to do this. **Action EG to confirm**

Fair Oak WI have asked us to give a short concert Wednesday 24th November 2027, 1945 hrs for an hour. Chris to be approached and WI advised we would be charging for MD and pianist. **Action EG/JC**

Tenor – Email received from prospective new tenor, Dave Cunningham. Previous experience is with a more classical type of choir, but he will be invited to attend rehearsals in September. Welcome leaflet has been sent to him.

Air Ambulance – JC has requested details of the amount collected via their tins for the summer concerts so we can update total on website and organise payment of draw collections to them.

5. Finance

Total assets currently £16118. Payment made to the Mayor's office of £502 for the charity concert takings in May 2026. Summer Spectacular profit was £587 (net of the draw £311 which will be going to Air Ambulance.)

6. Publicity

Saffron offered to do interview clips with choir members for the website.

7. Website and Facebook

Clips have been put on Facebook from the Summer Concert.

8. Local Vocals

New Care Home at Fareham – venue is a bit further than we would normally go to, but the residents thoroughly enjoyed the singing so we will continue to go there. Agreed that choir members can keep their music word books on the understanding they are not used for anything other than LV to reduce the number being transported by ED. More books for the residents will be printed. New music to be chosen by ED and ST, and EG will print and bind books, as agreed at last meeting.

9. Forthcoming events

Bishops Waltham Christmas Fayre – 26th November 2026.

Freegrounds School – 28th November 2026 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.

Action EG

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

NMM Christmas concert Hedge End Village Hall – 12th December 2026. Hall booked.

Haskins - 13th and 20th December 2026.

Summer Concert 2027 - 12th June. Hall booked.

Summer Spectacular 2027 - 17 July. Hall booked.

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

Sign-up sheets have been prepared by JC.

10. Choir welfare

ST has proposed a Welfare and Grievance policy to replace the former Complaints policy. This was agreed by the committee. Welcome leaflet to be updated to include this policy. **Action JC**

11. AOB

Policies - ST suggested that the current choir policies should be put onto the website.

Committee agreed – ST to send policies to JC. **Action ST**

Folders - It was requested at the AGM in July that two new folders per member be purchased to hold their music. It was felt that it was easier to have the concert music split into two so they

didn't have to take music out and transfer it to another folder. ST had already bought a new folder as a sample, so will look at purchasing more, but taking the view that some members may be happy to continue as they are using their own folder to transfer the music to when it is not in use. Members will be asked next term whether they want two folders or are happy to continue with one. **Action ST**

Meeting closed at. 10.00 pm. Next meetings 22 September, 20 October, 17 November 2026.