



AGM 5th October 2023 Chairman's Report

2022/23 HIGHLIGHTS

- Clare – Welcome – and Terence supporting!
- Subscriptions dragged into the real world...
- Choir grows from 30ish to 40ish
- Our finances – on a firmer footing
- Christmas Concert – NOT cancelled!
- Virtuoso violinists & instrumentalist/soloists from within the choir
- A new era in imaginative Concert titles
- Clare expecting – congratulations!

It's clear from the chattering (pre-post-practice and whatsapp in particular) that our choir members continue to really enjoy being part of Faringdon Singers, and much of the credit for this must go to the Musical Director! Clare not only immediately immersed herself in the minutiae of running a choir – such as our library, our finances and our online teaching aids (thank you Clare & Spotify...) , but she also manages to help us to improve - using humour and positive feedback – even when we don't deserve it.

THANKS

My heartfelt thanks not only to the Committee, but also to all who help in so many other ways; putting out the chairs, tidying up, carrying the piano around. Special thanks go to Sarah Green and her dad for the staging that was so effective in Uffington, Buckland and Longcot this year. (Sarah – hope you're enjoying Maputo, and looking forward to welcoming you back in 2026!) My thanks also to our four HOST venues; in this case Blessed Hugh Faringdon, St Mary's Uffington, St Mary's Buckland, and St Mary the Virgin Longcot – all were very welcoming.

DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our four concerts were all well attended, and as always also raised money for worthy causes. The Buckland-St Mary's Concert (for Ukraine) stood out in particular – raising more than £1500!

*Sjoerd Vogt
October 2023*