



AGM 10th October 2024 Chairman's Report

2023/24 HIGHLIGHTS

- Clare – Debra – Phil - and of course Terence
- Arrival of Heidi – congratulations!
- Choir continues to grow – now 45ish
- Christmas Concert – with the Windrush Ensemble
- Spring Concert – Corn Exchange - with the MCO
- Summer Concert –local music for local people
- Summer Garden Party – thank you Lyn & David

We'll probably all remember 23-24 for the amazing three-MDs tag-team! Debra, in stepping up to the plate and doing such a good job in taking us through the Christmas Concert; and Phil – who took us to musical places that we didn't know even existed. It was also wonderful to have the Windrush Ensemble joining us for Christmas, and the MCO for the Mozart; hopefully these collaborations will continue to bear fruit. And of course, we're very grateful for Terence's continuing invaluable support; long may it continue!

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 – and so on. Special thanks also go to Rachel and the Community Choir for the loan of staging in the Corn Exchange, and to Ed Brooke – for lending us his piano for two of the concerts.. My thanks also to our HOST venues; in this case Blessed Hugh Faringdon, and the community at Uffington for making us welcome.

DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Our three concerts were all well attended, and as always also raised money for worthy causes: £900 to Gaza: £500 to the MS Society; and £650 to the Folly Tower Repair Fund.

*Sjoerd Vogt
October 2024*