

Faringdon Singers
COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Weds. 25th Jan 2023 7.00pm

Present: Sjoerd and Karen Vogt, Janet Sheil, Terence Carter, Clare Woodall, Jonathan Mapley, Carol Griffin

1. Met in St. Mary's Church, Buckland, venue for concert.
Good organ, digital piano, chairs easy to put out, heating, enough space for choir, Clare happy!
2. No apologies
3. Thanks to Carol for previous minutes – still standing in for Charlotte Holley! No matters arising. Karen has agreed to take over as “Minutes Secretary” – relieving Carol. Janet has very kindly offered to share the burden!
4. **Feedback from Christmas concert, Dec 11th, Blessed Hugh**
Clare's first concert as director. Despite lots of illness/absences lovely sound, balanced programme, well received by audience. Clare happy!
Raised £345(ish) for CAFOD Climate Change Appeal
5. **Finance**
Carol yet to pay bills but £1658 in account
4 unpaid subs
No new members paid yet
6. **Spring Concerts**
 - a) **Venues**
Saturday 25th March, St Mary's Church Uffington
Sunday 26th March, St. Mary's Church, Buckland
 - b) **Concert Checklist**
Uffington – contact Geoff
Buckland
Time – 7.00pm
Charity – Ukraine
Instrumentalists – **Violins:** Anna Nemchuk and Kathryn (sp?) Stulting. Will accompany us and also play Bach concerto for 2 violins
Clarinet – Vicky Metcalf will accompany, possibly also wind trio with Debra Warner, Lyn Williamson
Programme – Clare will compile, Bryony will format, email to Wantage printers, Carol pick up
Dress code – normal black and white
Publicity – Mike Sheil will design poster
Janet – Village newsletter, Whatsapp grp, Parish Clerk
Carol – S.I.V
Karen – Local publications, Faringdon FBs, Faringdon churches, posters round town
7. **Forward Planning Summer 2023**
 - a) **Concert Venues, 8th/9th July**
Bampton church? S.I.V. church or village hall (Carol will investigate), Longcot (ask Vicky), Shrivenham Primary School recommended by Sarah
May be best to avoid Faringdon as it is Folly Fest weekend

b) Social Events

Summer Social

Thursday evening after summer concert – 13th July

Sj will book Barber Rooms and Sadlers caterers

Other outings

Visit somewhere with musical associations? Exhibition? Concert? Keep eyes open

8. AOB

a) Piano – The Community Choir (Rachel Williams) is now paying FS £30 a term for use of our piano, to help towards upkeep and insurance (started Autumn 2022).

b) Music from Woodstock – Woodstock librarian asked Terence if we would like to buy any of the music they didn't want anymore. We chose 12 items for approx. £120 and a further collection of songs (40 copies) for only £15. An amazing bargain!

c) John Ridgway – Longstanding accompanist and composer for FS, John is retiring from the choir at Parish Church in Wantage. Phil Johnson invited FS to sing at retirement concert on 29th April. We will sing 2 pieces that John composed/arranged for us and 'Tomorrow shall be my dancing day' with the Wantage church choir.

d) Phil Singleton – Clare was approached after concert by PS, a local composer, who would like FS to commission a piece from him. Suggested 10 min cantata. Cost would depend on length and complexity. Modern, ambitious music, maybe not for us. Clare will tell him we would consider performing a new piece by him if he arranges the funding.

The meeting ended at 7.58pm . Many thanks to Janet, Mike and Dylan for hosting.