

**. Faringdon Singers**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES - Weds. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 7.30pm**  
*Thank you to our Hosts: Janet, Mike & Dillon Sheil, Wyastone Cottage, Buckland SN7 8QR*

**Present:** Debra Warner, Clare Woodall, Sjoerd and Karen Vogt, Jonathan Mapley, Carol Griffin, Phil Singleton and Janet Sheil

**Apologies** were received from Terence Carter and Richard Maw .

Janet kindly agreed to take notes.

**Matters Arising** - Cover for Clare's maternity leave will be provided by Debra (autumn Term 2023 – probably from mid- Nov onwards) and Phil Singleton. Phil is a trumpet player, teacher and composer. He also directs the Wantage Big Band and the Marlborough Concert Orchestra. Phil would like the choir to perform Mozart's Requiem in the Spring, together with a smaller work. It may be possible bring in some orchestral accompaniment. Before Janet orders copies she will establish whether Phil can provide copies of the Requiem from his school. She will also need to know how many choir members have a copy, or plan to buy their own. John Ridgeway's retirement concert was well received.

**July Concert 2023** - Longcot church was a good venue and the concert was well received. The choir was better arranged than it was in Buckland Church. The staging worked very well too. Can we still get hold of this? ( Sarah Green's dad) . The soloists from within the choir were much appreciated and also gave the choir a break

**Finance** - The choir's finances are much healthier since the subscription was raised to the level of other local choirs. Members have appreciated the need for a raise and nobody has left as a result of the increase in termly fee. There is now a healthier buffer. Andrew Williams has carried on paying subs, after leaving the choir. Carol will reimburse him.

**The AGM** will take place on October 5th 2023 – in two weeks time. The three reports (MD, Chair, Finance) will be put on the website by *next* Thurs for all to read beforehand.

**Christmas Concert** - Karen will arrange for the organ at the Catholic Church to be tuned. It was felt that the organ setting on the electric piano would be an excellent alternative, since Terence would struggle to climb the stairs to the organ.

**Proposed Dates 2024** – Easter is early this year. The Spring Term could begin on January 4th to give us more time to prepare, as we also need to fit in with Phil's commitment to the Marlborough orchestra. The Autumn term could start from week 3: people are often away at the beginning of September. This will still leave plenty of rehearsal time for the Christmas concert. Phil's Marlborough concert dates of March 23rd and possibly also July 6th need to be avoided – although Phil may be happy with a super-busy weekend if it falls on the Follyfest weekend.

**The summer social** could have been better attended - and some people felt the event was too expensive. Other ideas, such as a picnic were suggested. Janet suggested Buckland Memorial Hall, which has a garden and car parking.

**AOB** - Terence rang to say that Lorna has suffered a minor medical event that needed the attendance of emergency services . But hopefully – all well. We all sent our good wishes for a speedy recovery. Sjoerd will contact Terence for an update. Debra has kindly agreed to accompany the choir tomorrow.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.