



. Faringdon Singers

COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES - Weds. 26th April 2023 7.00pm

Thank you to our Hosts: Janet, Mike & Dillon Sheil, Wyastone Cottage, Buckland SN7 8QR

Present: Sjoerd and Karen Vogt, Janet Sheil and Carol Griffin.

Apologies : Clare Woodall, Terence Carter and Jonathan Mapley

Matters Arising : Carol has struggled to contact possible venues for the summer concerts. The vicar of Stanford has proved elusive, as has the person responsible for booking Shellingford Hall. Carol will persist and report back on the availability of the aforementioned venues.

Debra has suggested the Methodist Church in Highworth as a summer venue and Sjoerd will investigate this further. Folly Fest will be taking place during our concert weekend, making Faringdon unsuitable for a concert this year. However, the Pump House Project could be an appropriate location on another occasion. Fyfield Church was also mentioned as a suitable venue in the future. Sarah MacElvogue is keen to have us!

Feedback from Spring Concerts: Clare had previously given the choir verbal feedback on the Easter concerts. They were very successful and raised considerable funds (£1600 at Buckland, and £900 at Uffington). In future the card reader in Buckland Church needs to be located in advance of a concert! Buckland Church was thought to be cold: Janet will put the heating on even earlier next time. The staging worked well for both concerts and huge thanks are due to Sarah Green (and her father), for providing the blocks. Next year some attention could be paid to the positioning of some of the ladies as a few of them were uncomfortable.

John Ridgeway retirement concert: Plans are in place for John Ridgeway's retirement concert. Lyn has suggested the use of a mini bus to transport choir members to Wantage.

Finance: Carol reported that finances are fine, although some members are yet to pay their summer subscriptions. She has just paid the insurance (£178) which includes an increased replacement value of £2500 (prev £1000) for the piano.

Summer Concert Venues: See 'matters arising' for possible summer concert venues. Sjoerd will also consult with Vicky re Longcot as a possible. It was suggested that possible venues should be properly documented, listing their advantages and disadvantages. Sjoerd and Carol would like to be able to finalise our summer venues by May 11th.

Forward Planning: The summer social will take place in the Barbour Rooms and Sadlers will cater – 13th July . It was suggested that some choir members might like to entertain us. Terence would particularly welcome a reprise of his extraordinary journey, following the S6 bus. Sjoerd suggested that choir outings to musical events might be fun. It is probable that there will be a single Christmas concert in 2023 and that the venue will be Blessed Hugh Church.

AOB: The local composer, Phil Singleton, is working on a composition for the singers. He is responsible for his own sponsorship.

Terence will be paid £50 travel expenses each term.

The meeting ended at 8pm.