

FARINGDON SINGERS

Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6th October 2022
7.40 pm United Church Hall



1. APOLOGIES –Alison Thomson, Douglas Dalrymple, Debra Warner, Meg Greenwood, Jo Allan, Peter Martin, and Vicky Medcalf.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM - The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22nd October 2020 had previously been made available to all on the Faringdon Singers website, and were all agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING : none that aren't covered below.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (Carol Griffin- Treasurer, audited by Jonathan Mapley)

Faringdon Singers Accounts for the Year to 31st August 2022

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	£2,080.08	Hire of Hall	£485.25
Summer Social	£1,438.50	Fees	
less expenses	£1,277.66	Music Directo	£400.00
	£160.84	Soloists	£600.00
			£1,000.00
Refreshments	£20.51	Insurance	£189.12
		Hire/purchase of Music	£252.00
		Printing	£138.32
		Advertising	£57.00
			£2,121.69
		Surplus for the year	£139.74
	£2,261.43		£2,261.43
Opening balance	£267.84		
Surplus	£139.74		
Closing balance	£407.58		

Independent Examiner
Jonathan L Mapley FCA (retired)

5. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Terence Carter)

Following an enforced 2-year break due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Singers were finally able to mount two concerts in April and July 2022. Concerts which were due to take place in March, July and December 2020 and Spring and Summer 2021 had to be abandoned. Rehearsals recommenced

in September 2021, but once again, the concerts planned for December 2021 had to be cancelled, just two days before the first of these was due to take place.

We finally managed to perform the major part of Haydn's "Creation", which was cancelled in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic, on Sunday 3rd April 2022 in St Mary's Church, Buckland, but not without Covid once again making its presence felt! Sadly, two of the soloists (Ben Beurklian-Carter and Jonathan Todd) had to withdraw, and their places were taken by Stephen Pascoe and Tom Ibbotson. The soprano soloist was Claire Watters.

Our Summer Concert, on Saturday 16th July in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington, was my last as Musical Director of the Faringdon Singers, before Clare Woodall replaced me as the new Director. The concert included many pieces sung in past years, with a major Stanford content: his B flat Magnificat, "How beautiful are the feet", "Beati quorum via", his beautifully crafted and ethereal "Blue Bird" (soprano soloist Sophie Stainer), and "Songs of the Fleet" (baritone soloist Ben Beurklian-Carter), which I first accompanied in a concert at Jesus College, Oxford in my student days. Meg Greenwood gave us readings from "Queenhood" by Simon Armitage, and the programme also included "In Our Service" by Thomas Hewitt Jones: both in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As far as the future goes, I shall be more than happy to remain on the committee for the time being, if that is what you wish, and to continue to help in whatever way I can. I am sure that under Clare's direction, the choir will benefit from a new leadership, and go from strength to strength.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Sjoerd Vogt)

2021/22 MILESTONES

- Carl - RIP – Service of Thanksgiving
- Omicron struck with a vengeance – Christmas Concerts cancelled
- Creation – Two years of Practicing...
- Summer Concert – Terence's Favourites
- Summer Social - Terence Tribute
- Clare – Welcome!

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. My thanks also to our HOST venues; in this case Buckland and Uffington – both were very welcoming.

DONATIONS TO CHARITY

The two concerts that DID take place this year raised almost £2000 for Ukraine.

7. THE COMMITTEE FOR 2021-2022:

Maureen Pendlebury is stepping down from the committee, and we thank her for her services over the many years that she has been on the committee. All other committee members have indicated that they are willing to continue in their current roles:

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8. AOB

Clare Woodall, our new Musical Director, was very positive about the Faringdon Singers, saying that she's really enjoyed her first weeks of rehearsals; that we're a very friendly bunch; and that she's also been impressed (so far...) that we seem to be well-organised in carrying out the various roles that are needed to run a choir, and to support the MD!

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.57pm .