

FARINGDON SINGERS

Minutes of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10th October 2024
7.30 pm United Church Hall



1. APOLOGIES –Lyn & David Williamson, Dinah Loasby, Aileen Bridge, Linda Lord, Rebecca Pickering, Alison Auger, Hilary Taylor, Lynn Trigg, Sarah MacElvogue, Heather Aries, Maria Jukes, Jo Allan, Vicky Medcalf.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM - The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 5th October 2023 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 2024

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	£5,235.00	Hire of Hall	£750.00
Spring Concert	£953.00	Fees	
Sale of Music	£160.00	Music Director	£2,180.00
		Accompanists	£150.00
			£2,330.00
		Insurance	£200.85
		Hire/purchase of Music	£560.46
		Expenses of Spring Concert	£380.14
		Presentations	£148.02
		Donation to MS Society	£480.86
			£4,850.33
		Surplus for the year	£1,497.67
	£6,348.00		£6,348.00
Opening balance	£1,661.80		
Surplus	£1,497.67		
Closing balance	£3,159.47		

Independent Examiner
Jonathan L Mapley FCA (retired)

5. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Clare Woodall)

The Christmas Concert at Blessed St Hugh's was held on 10th December and was a huge success. I am very grateful to Debra Warner for taking the reins in the last few weeks of the Autumn Term and for conducting the concert so brilliantly. Thanks also to Terence Carter for accompanying and to all members of the choir for their keen and dedicated preparations for the concert. It was lovely to welcome Tim Payne and the Windrush Saxophonic to perform at the concert and I hope this is the first of many collaborations with them. It was a most enjoyable term and my thanks to Phil Singleton for taking over the Musical Directorship for the Spring and Summer Terms whilst I was on maternity leave.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Sjoerd Vogt)

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*

7. THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023-2024:

Three committee members are stepping down (Richard Maw, Janet Sheil, Terence Carter) – and will be replaced by four new committee members (Linda Lord, Alison Thomson, Ieuan Jones and Charlotte Holley). This is therefore the committee going forward. Proposed: Val Chapman.

Seconded: Alison Moore

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8. AOB

Summer Social in the Williamsons' garden a great success. THANKYOU TO LYN AND DAVID!

David Willey came up with the good suggestion that we should investigate portable lighting that we could use at concerts. He will investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.55pm .