

Faringdon Singers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Meeting hosted via Zoom

1. Apologies – Ieuan Jones

2. Previous Meeting notes & AGM – matters arising

AGM

- Carried over – suitable lighting – discussion ongoing
- Decision to wear all black – looked good and worked well
- Celebrated the 50 years of Faringdon Singers with a cake – Karen did send the photo and info to Faringdon Advert, but they didn't put it in.
- Posted to Facebook and past members commented as well as non-Faringdon Singers.

Committee meeting – AOB

- Clare - Making Music – confirmed we do need to pay royalties where the venue doesn't have their own license.
- Sjoerd/Linda checked with Uffington St Marys – they no longer have this in place
- We should subscribe to Making Music – full membership subscription £118 if revenue below £7.2k, we are at £6k. Likely to pay £50 per concert on top of subscription.
- Possibility of taking out insurance – Ladbrook currently £120 – covers reputational risk. £5k cash covered. Making Music - Top cover £204, next level down £107.
- We all agree this is a good idea to go ahead with Making Music, but we will look further into the insurance we require.
- Sjoerd thanks Clare for sorting and doing the research on this
- Clare confirms all royalties paid once a year – by submitting programme and audience numbers and Making Music sort it all and let us know how much to pay.
- Clare to liaise with Bran to sort payment / DD info

3. Feedback – Christmas Concert

- All very positive feedback
- Clare said thank you to Sophie for taking on the solo and Laurence for stepping in
- All looked good in black – worked very well
- Karen said Sophie's solo was memorable

4. Finance

- £5,273 current account + £800 deposit account
- 50% subs have been paid already - Sops behind!
- No expenses or invoices outstanding – just waiting for a few to come in (eg fm Clare)

5. Spring Concert (s) – checklist

- Saturday 28th March 2026
- 7pm (1.5-2 hours concert)
- Uffington St Mary's - Juliet Moss is primary contact

- Thursday rehearsal (26th) to be in Uffington
- Rehearsal on the 28th to start at 2pm for choir – 3pm for instrumentalist – finish at 5.30pm
- Sjoerd asked Linda to share the checklist with Juliet - Linda happy to do that.
- The host church makes the decisions – start time, charity etc
- Clare puts programme together – then layout Bryony & Sjoerd printing
- Phil Singleton – he will be with us with string instrumentalist
- Bran now does the (wine, flowers etc)
- Refreshments – at the end for the audience

6. Looking ahead - Rest of 2026

Summer Concert

- Longcot have asked again – provisional invite (they retracted this last year)
- Clare will check size and organ – but believes Longcot will be fine.
- Sjoerd is leaving it open to see if we get a better offer.

Summer Social

- Last 2 years we have gone to the Williamson's garden – they are happy for us to go back, they have access to chairs and tables.
- Bring and share?
- Everyone is happy to keep it there.
- Ask for more people to help at the end to clear / wash up.
- Other ideas - Perhaps hire a boat (Oxford, Abingdon), or coincide with a Buscot House event? Thoughts on a postcard!

7. AOB:

- Dates for Christmas Term – Clare is unable to do 13th Dec for Concert
- Suggest new date of the 6th Dec so Clare can do this.
- Half term practice – we have the hall booked. Clare to confirm in a fortnight whether we do not practice in half term. Provisionally believes we will be OK without this practice.
- Flashing strip lights in the United Church – they are sorting this out and will replace all lights with LEDs, but this will not be a 5-minute job. It might take a week or 2.
- Car parking – shouldn't be an issue now as Panto have moved to a new location for now

Action points

- Complete application for Making Music - Clare to liaise with Bran to sort payment / DD info
- Linda to liaise with Juliet Moss about the Spring concert checklist
- To arrange new date for Christmas concert – 6th December
- Thoughts on Summer Social ideas
- On going – Terrence's replacement

No more AOB – Close 8.36pm