

## Faringdon Singers Committee Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Meeting hosted by Karen and Sjoerd – 7 Leamington Drive, SN7 7JZ

Present: Clare Woodall (CW) , Sjoerd Vogt (SV), Carol Griffin (CG), Karen Vogt (KV),  
Charlotte Holley (CH), Alison Thomson (AT),

1. **Apologies** – from Jonathan Mapley (JM) , Linda Lord (LL) , Ieuan Jones (IJ)

### 2. **Previous Meeting notes & AGM – matters arising**

Janet MND – SJ asked the committee to think of sympathy gesture, without sympathy. Maybe meal vouchers for Janet and her husband? CW suggested waiting a month and THEN asking Mike what would be best. SV to ask.  
If Buckland on the Sunday for the Spring concert? Suggestion that MND is the charity – Bernard has to speak to the rest of the committee to confirm.

Matters arising – Lighting / Overlights / clip on lights to  
They will need to be with a chargeable battery  
CW to discuss with David Willey– was he as thinking of flood lights for the choir or uplighters (for framing) up pillars?  
Longcot venue and the Corn Exchange were not good for lighting.  
CW – thinks framing and clips on would be the best options.

CH suggestion as she has one these (rechargeable):



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### 3. **Feedback – Christmas Concert**

CW – Lovely concert and appreciated there was lot of singing – believe just having the 1 Xmas concert is good. Lovely to have Philip and Laurence there and their contributions.

It was a challenging programme, in parts, but that the choir pulled it off! KV advised someone said it was the best yet!

Attendance was very good, almost full. £900+ raised for the charity. Very welcomed by Father Calaro.

#### **4. Finance**

CG – Jonathan mentioned we now get charged for the society bank account. Metro bank are an option. But looking at this

CH – to assist with homework on that as already looking into this with another society account.

SV - Stay clear of Coop and CAF – RBS/Halifax both good

£4,922.96 in the current account.

Saving account has £846.57 @ 1% but there are better interest rates. Maybe look to move this.

Healthy position.

#### **5. Spring Concert(s) – checklist**

SITV – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March Rehearsal at 3pm to start at 7pm

Church St Denys (no toilets – short walk to village hall) Janet has booked the hall to have the toilet.

The church / choir are not able to do food, happy to do drinks.

They now have a card reader for donations.

MAYBE Buckland – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March ? Shorter rehearsal beforehand – 5pm for 7pm

Need to ask if anyone CANNOT do the 2<sup>nd</sup> concert so we can get an idea of whether we do the 2<sup>nd</sup> concert.

Sarah Mc – Fyfield for the future but they would like a lighthearted programme. This would need to be a smaller choir, so maybe a venue to consider for the Summer concert.

CW suggested Marcham – huge stage and good new kitchen and toilets, they are very keen to have a choir.

SITV 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – checklist:

- need to book in for Thursday rehearsal (27<sup>th</sup> March) – Janet
- organ is fine – it has 2 boards and they also have a piano – will check if they have keyboard . CW said a piano would be helpful (and in tune) for a couple of the pieces.
- Charity – can be the church themselves
- Donations, not tickets – they have a card reader
- Chairs available – plenty
- The church will sort programme and introduce us
- Accompanist – organist – need them on the Thursday as well as the concert(s) – need to find good fit – Roy Woodhams or Laurence, but Laurence can't come to the Thursday – CW will ask around – we can pay someone as we have the funds.
- SV – will ask Roy Woodhams
- CW will pop over to the SITV church to review the area and will check if we need blocks
- Solos – Baritone required – will ask Ben (Terrance's son) rest can be done within the choir

- Briony can do the programme
- Printing – Karen and Sjord
- Dress – black and white
- Gifts for soloists / accompanists – to sort
- Janet will see if anyone in SITV / church can do the poster
- Write up and photo for local press
- Round and About for Wantage
- Posters in shops in Wantage
- Church newsletter
- Karen will collect details and will send them on

Alison to be the primary contact for Buckland. Mike might want to be asked. Wait for Bernard to confirm. SV to send Alison a checklist – they have newsletter for Buckland.

#### **6. Looking ahead: Summer Concert(s) & Summer Social**

Longcot? – Neil Campbell advised half the committee are not in favor of the choir on the Sunday. Maybe a musical weekend?

CW – 1 concert is enough for the summer but will have a look at this depending on programme. This might be a good time for Fyfield and the piano

Marcham church (20 mins from Faringdon) – any concert would work there – they have an organ and pianos. They have set themselves up as a musical space.

Once went to Fleet, North Leech so this shouldn't be an issue for the choir.

All money goes to the church and then they are happy to pull their weight!

Summer Social – Lynn and David Williamson - Bring and Share food worked well last year.

#### **7. AOB:**

- ) Portable Lighting?
- ) Music Loans – Linda has got into the role
- ) Our own FS Library – Ieuan has also got into the role
- ) Keyboard – CW managed to fix it, but it is delicate – David will come along with soldering iron, the pedal (cable) It is 7 years old.

No more AOB - Close 8.31pm