

## Faringdon Singers Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 9th 2024

Meeting hosted by Mike and Janet Sheil - at Wyastone Cottage Buckland

1. Apologies were received from Jonathan Mapley

2. Previous Meeting Notes

There was nothing outstanding to report

3. Feedback from the concert and summer social

Phil has not issued any feedback.

The summer social was felt to be a great success.

4. Finance

Carol does not want ticket money going into the choir account, as happened at Easter 2024. There have been problems with the payment of subscriptions. These have included people paying twice and people continuing to pay after leaving the choir. It was agreed that Clare should be better paid and that her fee should be increased from £60 to £70 a practice. We count a term as 12 weeks which means a termly payment to Clare of £840.00. Clare demurred but the committee felt that her excellent service should be properly rewarded. The expenses for the spring and summer concerts were high because orchestras are costly to employ.

5. AGM

All committee positions have been filled. Ieuan Jones will be the librarian and Linda Lord will be the loans librarian.

6. Dates 2024/2025

There will be a half term practice this term and the concert will take place on December 8th.

The spring concert proposed dates are 29th/30th March

Summer concert dates are 12th/13th July

7. AOB

We have most of the music for this term. A dozen green carol books are needed, although Carols For Choirs could be equally useful. Terence continues to be an excellent accompanist during choir practices but finds accompanying the choir at concerts very stressful. This term's concert will be accompanied by Lawrence Mann - a pianist of some note. No soloists will be required at Christmas but it is hoped that Lynette Stulting, her daughter and Anna will be available. Clare will contact her

saxophone group to suggest that they play with the choir in 2025. Clare will also contact Briony, around half term, to discuss the creation of the programme for the Christmas concert. Carol will organise gifts for soloists and Karen and Sjoerd will arrange publicity and concert refreshments. Clare suggested the choir purchase a card machine but in future the availability of a machine at future venues will be checked in advance. Sjoerd can borrow a device if necessary. Karen will add card machine availability to her concert checklist. Janet was touched, both by the kind words regarding her current current inability to sing and the choir's gift. She hopes to return to Faringdon Singers as the choir has been an important, and valued, part of her life.