

Faringdon Singers Committee Meeting

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Meeting hosted via Zoom

1. Apologies – None

2. Previous Meeting notes & AGM – matters arising

Committee meeting – AOB

- Lighting sorted in the Hall
- Clare and Bran have sorted out our subscription to Making Music.
 - Making Music insisted we needed a constitution – this is now on the Faringdon Singers Website
 - Eligibility point added - members to be 18+
 - We have also now added 2 signatories to the bank account

3. Spring Concert - Feedback

- Clare says Uffington was wonderful to sing in and versatile to what we needed- thank you for the warm welcome. Pleased with how the concert went - huge thanks to the string players. All came off well and it was a good challenge. Pleased with Phil's trumpet solo.
- All said very well received, Linda advised Uffington feedback was super and spoken about for a while after.
- Clare will look at more Gjeilo music for future concerts.

4. Finance

- £5,900 in the current account - but that's NOT our contingency fund!
- To note, Spring Term - less in account at end than at beginning
- We now think we will need c£1.8k for a new accompanist, which will include the concert and travel. Based on conversations with Clare and Debra (see AOB).
- We need to increase our fees to £60 / term in the autumn.
 - Current - Based on £50 / term
 - Income £6,150 and Expenditure £5,390
 - Surplus £760
 - Based on £60/ term
 - Income £7380 and Expenditure £6,955
 - Surplus £425
- We also have additional costs with Making Music £225
- Clare advised we need to increase the Music Hire and Purchase from £450.
- Sjoerd confirms Terrance has insisted not to be paid and to only pay travel expenses £150 / term.
- All the committee are happy with the £10 / term increase to £60 from the Autumn 2026 term.
- 45% have paid their subs so far for this term

5. Summer Concert (s) – checklist

- Saturday 4th July 2026
- Longcot
- Clare advised we will not need an accompanist for this concert but would like to approach musicians to be part of the concert programme.
- We have less time to rehearse this term but Clare has chosen manageable pieces.
- Sjoerd to liaise with Longcot / Longcot choir members on the arrangements

6. Looking ahead - Rest of 2026

- Autumn Term
- Concert moved to 4th December 2026

Summer Social

- Tues 7th July – Lyn & David's garden

7. AOB:

a. Accompanist – going forward

- Lorna felt that Terence is now worrying more about rehearsals and forgets he has rehearsals until reminded on the day.
- So this will be Terence's last term as our accompanist
- Clare is happy to continue to support Terence this term
- We now need to organise a new accompanist
- Terence will of course be welcome to continue as a bass
- Clare already has a couple of accompanists in mind and we have a choice

b. Summer Social – Tues 7th July – Lyn & David's garden

- All happy with this plan

c. One-off bigger event

- Peter Hoole suggested a one-off bigger event - Working with another choir?
- Potentially in Highworth Church?
- Clare not sure on logistics and 2 conductors might clash and thinks we are in a good place.
- Alison thinks we should establish ourselves with the new accompanist first.
- Last time was 15 years ago and that was with Wantage –Always used the Wantage Orchestra and it would be in Wantage Church. People pay ticket prices. Terence and Micheal (director of Wantage) worked well together so it made sense and worked for that occasion.
- Might consider if approached.

d. Programme – QR code

- Peter also suggested having a QR code for information rather than a printed programme?
- The committee would still like the basic programme.
- Clare advised we need to be careful on what we can lift and use from works literature and this could cause a lot of extra work.
- Sjoerd confirmed the printing is only 1 x A4 and not an issue.

- We could ask the audience – see how many people scan the QR code to see the printed programme.

e. Library - Ieuan

- Remaining music to be returned
- Boxes are full – we have a new filing cabinet, which has helped
- We are up to 48 members
- Ed and Jo are not singing this term, for example, but they will be back, so we still need to have 50 copies of all music
- Clare has been trying to use the library to save costs but with some pieces we only have 20 or 30 copies. We can explore (with Making Music) if we can photocopy the pieces.

f. Anthologies – Clare

- Clare is looking for appropriate Anthologies to use
- It might be worth asking the choir to buy their own copy of an Anthologies for c£15, which would give us a large volume of music to use.
- Faringdon Council have a levy of money to help with local projects – we could investigate this.

Action points

No more AOB – Close 8.44pm