

Bingham and District Choral Society
MINUTES OF MEETING 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

1. Present: John Bannister (Chair), Huw Cadwallader (Treasurer), Sally Ashton (Vice-Chair), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Margot Anderson (Librarian), Judy Unell (Publicity), Janet Chapman (Membership), Tim Connery (Box Office), Brad Poulson, Alison Marriott, Pam Jones (Ordinary Members).

Apologies: Barbara Cobb (Programme Chair)

Minutes of meeting 9th January 2017: There were no amendments. Proposed by Janet, seconded by Margot and accepted by all.

2. Matters arising

- 4. *Church House:* Has been booked for Christmas Concert on 16th December, along with the church.
- 6. *Choral Workshop:* Music is to be delivered to the Minster School, not Margot's home.
- 12. *Purchase of Carols for Choirs:* Margot says we have some green copies, and that we won't be able to order enough of these to get the discount; so for the time being she will only order the orange ones.

3. Treasurer

Huw: The Quiz Night raised over £600 – Raffle £165, and Bar £102.

Thanks offered to Sally, Huw and Valerie, and other helpers for their efforts in setting up and running this, and to Guy for his Quizmastering.

Letters / emails of thanks have been sent to Guy and Heather Skillington (W.I. Hut keyholder) and Sally has thanked the fish and chip shop proprietor.

4. Forthcoming Concerts

1) 13th May 2017 – with Newark CS: John and Tim met with members of Newark CS to discuss setting up the concert. Tim returned recently to discuss the seating from a ticketing point of view.

Staging: Jeff will collect this on Friday. He has the dimensions in the church. John has booked the removal people to set it up and take it down – this will be on Saturday night, after the concert, and Jeff will take it back to storage.

CCTV for the organist can be arranged later.

There was some discussion about whether to provide coffee/ refreshments in the interval. We do not usually do this, but not known what Newark's practice is, and we do not want a disgruntled audience! If provided, we need people to serve on the stall(s) and obtain supplies if needed.

Title of concert (for programmes, tickets etc.) is to be Spring Concert 2017.

Tickets to be on sale 6 weeks beforehand, i.e. from 29th March. Apparently Newark CS always give the Newark Advertiser 20 tickets to be won in a competition.

Seats with cushions (in central part of church) to be the reserved ones. NCS to have one side of the central aisle, and Bingham the other. Prices £12.50 and £10.

ACTION: Tim to ask Newark if they usually provide refreshments.

CCTV to be arranged – who to do this?

2) 17th June 2017 – Summer Singing Concert in Newark Church: So far there have only been 5 people who have signed up for Summer Singing. It was felt people needed to be reminded about this. **Margot** needs to know numbers to order the music.

ACTION: Sally to remind choir on Wednesday (John away).

3) 25th November 2017 – The Creation, with Mansfield CS in the Minster: The edition for this will be the old Novello edition.

Huw has predicted a loss of about £4,000 total, so divided between BDCS and Mansfield CS £2,000 each.

4) 16th December 2017 - Christmas Concert: Valerie has booked both Bingham Church and Church House.

5) 12th May 2018 – Verdi Requiem, with Mansfield CS in the Minster: Huw predicts a loss of about £4,500 for this concert, possibly higher if we don't sell out. Nottingham Symphony Orchestra will play, soloists to be decided on.

This has been altered from the Brahms Requiem because of the proposed trip to Groningen (see **6**) below). Has this change of programme been entered in the Clash Diary?

ACTION: Barbara to enter changes in Clash Diary.

6) Visit to Groningen: John had received an email from Bert Meijberg, the Chair of the Groningen choir. Groningen now wish to sing something other than the Verdi Requiem for their anniversary programme. As we have now negotiated with Mansfield for a change of date for this, it was agreed by all that this could not be changed again. It was agreed John should write to Groningen to see if they could reconsider, but otherwise, the trip should be abandoned. It was felt that this would be the likely outcome.

ACTION: John

7) Brahms Requiem: This has now been rearranged to **11th May 2019**, to fit in with arrangements for the Groningen trip. Caroline Clemmow and Jonathan Gooding will accompany on piano. Radcliffe Church to be booked nearer the time – they do not book so far ahead.

ACTION: Valerie to book Radcliffe Church early in 2018

5. Publicity

1) Website: Brad said there had been a lot of "Spam" emails coming through, and the website has in fact been hacked. He suggested that we should have "Captcha" installed – this will cost about £40, as software needs to be bought.

There should also be more information about John Rutter on the website – to go on after the workshop with JR's permission.

2) Judy: Bob Middleton has a contact with a local printer, who does good, glossy work; could he be used for future concerts? Agreed a quote could be obtained.

Newark CS are doing the programmes for the May concert – what about adverts for Bingham firms?

It was suggested that an interview with John Parry on Radio Nottingham could perhaps be arranged with Guy, as good publicity for the choir.

ACTION: Judy to speak to Newark about adverts.

6. Fundraising

1) Choral Workshop with John Rutter, 4th March: Sally, Janet and Judy went to the Minster School and met with helpful staff there. It was suggested that a side room be hired for tea and coffee – agreed.

Margot and Judy will sign people in. Some students have been recruited by Guy to help with tea and coffee, but will need adult supervision.

Janet has got teapots. Hot water jugs are needed. **Pam** will obtain supplies of tea, coffee, sugar, milk, soft drinks. Jeff has ordered cups.

Someone is needed to do CD and music sales.

Choir to be asked for volunteers.

Has information gone out to participants? It seems Derek has sent this out to non-choir members, and will leave sheets at rehearsal for members to collect (information attached).

2) Future choir events: After some discussion it was agreed that a slip should be put into each set of music, asking people to hand in with their email address if they wished for advance notification.

ACTION: Sally or John to ask members for volunteers to supervise tea and coffee, and sell CD's / music..
Valerie to do slips

7. Librarian

Margot has ordered copies of the Creation. Is awaiting numbers of participants before ordering the music for Summer Singing.

Membership

Janet: We now have 88 members, including 8 tenors and one "nameless" one. She is planning to hold a meeting with mentors before the AGM and work out with them a list of their responsibilities.

8. Correspondence

None received.

9. Bursary

It was agreed that the suggested schedule was accepted, and that planning should go ahead.

ACTION: Richard, Guy, David Atkins

10. AOB

1) Committee: John asked if everyone was willing to stand as committee members for another year. **Huw** said he will do one more year, and members were reminded that **Barbara** had said she would stand down after this year. Not known if this is still the case.

Margot said the main problem as librarian was the heavy carrying involved. It was suggested that an assistant could be found, or for someone to arrive early to help her unload music from her car.

ACTION: John to ask members if anyone would be willing to "shadow" Huw and Margot next year with a view to taking over from them.

11. DONM

Monday 27th March 2017 Huw was thanked for his hospitality. The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.