

Bingham and District Choral Society

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH MARCH 2018

1. Present: John Bannister (Chair), Sally Ashton (Vice-Chair), Valerie Morgan (Secretary), Janet Chapman (Membership), Tim Connery (Box Office), Judy Unell (Publicity), Peter Iley (Programme Chair), Margot Anderson (Librarian), Brad Poulson (Website), Beryl Cottrill, Janet Iley (Ordinary Members).

Apologies: Huw Cadwallader (Treasurer), Tina Warrington (Ordinary Member), Guy Turner (Musical Director).

Minutes of meeting 8th January 2018

3. *Christmas concert made £15166 (!)* should read £1516.

4.4) *Ticket prices £15 front nave – reserved, £13 rear nave – reserved, £9 sides – unreserved.*

5. *A printer in Farnsworth* should read Hucknall.

The Minutes were then accepted as a true record.

2. Matters arising

None

3. Treasurer

In Huw's absence see attached reports on Christmas concert and Bursary and Prize concert. A profit of £498 was made on the Christmas concert, and a loss of £237 on the Bursary and Prize concert.

Beryl has bought 240 wine glasses for £171.60. We now have 295 glasses – enough for the Christmas concert, and not dependent on the vagaries of trying to borrow/hire glasses.

The new music folders cost £688.70 (130 folders).

4. Concerts

1) *Marcus Farnsworth Singing Day*

The day had gone well, and there was some hard work. Some were surprised that there were not more people.

There were problems with the water in the urn not being hot enough, and the tables were not clean. Also the toilets kept blocking, and there was no soap.

ACTION: Judy (?) to contact the Minster School about these issues.

2) *12th May 2018: Verdi Requiem with Mansfield – Southwell Minster*

Meeting with Mansfield on 19.02.18. See Peter's report (attached) for arrangements for concert.

Study Days on **Saturday 24th March at QE Academy** – Mansfield to do teas and coffees etc.

Saturday 21st April at Minster School, Southwell - Bingham to do teas, coffees, cake etc.

3) *7th July 2018: 'Byron' concert at St Mary Magdalene, Newark*

No issues at present

4) *9th November 2018: Remembrance event in Bingham*

It has been decided not to participate in this event. The voice parts of those who volunteered were uneven in number, and total numbers were restricted by the space available in the Methodist Church.

A view was expressed that it was unfortunate that accommodation could not be made for one of the largest organisations in Bingham, and that insufficient choir members had volunteered.

5) 17th November 2018: War, Remembrance and Peace – St Mary's, Radcliffe

St Mary's and church hall are booked.

6) 15th December 2018: Christmas concert – St Mary's & All Saints, Bingham

Church and Church House are booked. At present, no changes in the concert format are planned. It is not known at present if Bingham Brass will be available. There may be discussion of the concert format at the AGM.

7) 11th May 2019 - St Mary's Radcliffe

Church not yet booked, as too far ahead.

ACTION: Valerie to book as soon as possible

8) 16th November 2019 – St Mary's Radcliffe?

Buxtehude, Purcell, Vivaldi, Handel

ACTION: Valerie to book church as soon as possible

9) Concert folders

These have now arrived and been distributed, with some spares.

5. Publicity

Following relatively low numbers at the Singing Day, Judy asked if the advance publicity for the next one could be enhanced. After discussion, it was agreed that volunteers should be asked to take some fliers/posters to specific locations, especially other choirs and libraries.

For the Verdi concert, 30 x A4, 300 x A5 and 200 x A6 have been ordered. It was agreed that more should be ordered, as the Minster is a large venue – almost 600 seats.

Distribution as above.

ACTION: Judy

Website

Brad said there were 51 new contacts from the Singing Day. Some more 'fine-tuning' of the mailing system is needed, but should be ready soon.

ACTION: Judy, Brad

6. Fundraising / Social: Quiz 28th April

W.I. Hut is booked. Guy is available to be Quizmaster. Social event rather than fundraising primarily. Fish and chips, bring own drinks. 72 people maximum.

John will order gateaux from Iceland. He and Janet C. to organise – fish & chips to be ordered from shop in Eaton Place, as last time. Guy will need to be asked about the time for the supper break, when the fish & chips should be delivered. Plastic knives and forks, paper tablecloths, serviettes, salt & vinegar. Prize for winning table (box of chocolates), gifts for Guy (wine?), and young scorer if there is one.

Tickets £10 – Tim will organise. John to announce at next rehearsal.

ACTION: John, Janet C., Tim

7. Librarian

All music has been booked for the Verdi and the 'Byron' concert.

Margot is compiling a list of the music that the choir owns – at least 4 different people are storing this.

Membership

Janet said there are now 101 members. Following recent cancellation due to snow, there needs to be a system of contacting members urgently -Sally and Janet and others had phoned most people. Mobile phone numbers need to be asked for, and mentors given a list of members they are 'responsible' for.

John proposed thanks for those who phoned round.

ACTION: Janet

8. Bursary and Prize

It was agreed that our first event had been a very enjoyable and successful occasion, with high-quality candidates.

It was agreed that this event should be held every two years. Richard Joyner does not wish to continue organising it, so someone new will have to be found for 2020.

ACTION: To be raised at AGM – John

9. Correspondence

None

10. Task List

Committee members have been asked to make a written list of their duties, for clarification of potential overlaps, and for new Committee members in future. This will be circulated to all the Committee, and to Guy, and a copy kept by the Secretary.

Thanks to all those who have furnished this.

It was pointed out that it was unclear who was on the Programme Sub-Committee, and that the Rules stated that the main Committee should appoint these members. A motion was therefore proposed by Valerie that the Committee should approve and accept the current Programme Sub-Committee members. This was seconded by Margot, and agreed by all.

Current members are Peter Iley (Chair), Huw Cadwallader, Richard Joyner, David Atkins, Janet Chapman, and Guy Turner (MD).

11. AOB

1) Tim: Is preparing to send out complimentary tickets. Has had problems in contacting some of those entitled. Soloists will receive 1 complimentary ticket each.

2) Margot: Needs to liaise with Mansfield re music for the Verdi concert, but does not have all the necessary emails. Please could these be sent to her.

3) John: asked if everyone wished to stand for re-election on to the Committee at the AGM.

Margot is willing to stand for a further year if she can have help with collecting and carrying music.

John will stand for a further year.

Huw? Has said in the past that he would do one more year.

Sally said that she does not wish to be considered for Chair.

12. DONM

Monday 16th April

The meeting ended at 9.38 pm. Janet was thanked for her hospitality.