



Choir Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 2nd August 2021

New Mill Club

Present - John Mallinson (chairman), Steve Flynn (secretary)
Dorian Kelly (MD), John Clay, Derek Holman, Fred Simms, Paul Morgan

1. Formalities –

Apologies for Absence

Steve Davies, John Middleton, Stephen Broadbent

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved - Derek

Seconded - Paul

2. Correspondence and Matters arising

a. Kirklees Year of Music 2023

The Choir have registered our interest in this Kirklees sponsored initiative.

b) Mirfield Choral Society

MCS are seeking an accompanist. If any member can help please contact SF for more details of the vacancy. Closing date for applicants is 16th August.

Secretary

3. Covid19 Update

Live rehearsals have gone well and we do not expect another Lockdown in the next few months. Who knows what will happen in the winter? However, our experience of the last 18 months has shown we are nothing if not resilient and we have that experience to draw on if required.

4. Zoom Rehearsals (final Summary!)

As a rehearsal tool Zoom is now behind us.

For 12 months we averaged more than 30 choristers every Tuesday evening, a Social opportunity as well as a Musical one. A fantastic achievement due largely to Dorian. The Choir owe him a huge Thank You.

Our recent return to live rehearsals demonstrated the effectiveness of the Zoom rehearsal programme and we hit the ground running on Tuesday July 20th. An emotional evening for many.

We will continue to stream live rehearsals via Zoom. If anyone joining these streaming sessions wishes to share feedback then please do so.

Dorian



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<p>5. Concerts</p> <p>Upper Denby, Friday September 3rd Arrangements are in place for the first concert in 18 months! Tickets available from Adam Brown and the Choir Early indications are that we will have a balanced Choir so let's Crack On in rehearsals.</p> <p>Huddersfield Town Hall, Saturday October 9th Our second concert with The UKES. Concert arrangements are on track. We are in uncharted territory regarding ticket sales. About 120 have been sold so far. Audience sentiment is going to play a huge part this year but all of us can play a role in encouraging friends and relatives to buy tickets. Spread the word! We have a great concert to sell. There is still an opportunity to attract new concert sponsors. If you have contacts in the business community who might be interested, then please let us know. We are welcoming several new sponsors this year, including The Rock Inn, Brockholes but there is room for more.</p>	Derek
<p>6. Finance</p> <p>Nothing of significance to report this month.</p>	Steve Davies
<p>7. Membership</p> <p>Recruitment Flyers are printed and we plan a recruitment drive, probably an Open Rehearsal after the Town Hall concert.</p>	Stephen Broadbent
<p>8. Website and Choir Communications</p> <p>Some technical issues with our email address – info@newmillmvc.org.uk – but these will be resolved.</p>	John Middleton/SF
<p>9. Committee Objectives</p> <p>Fred highlighted the difficulties new members faced when joining the Choir. The camaraderie is Great but how does the Choir 'work', for example, in Scarborough when new music, new faces and new social surroundings can be overwhelming. We intend to introduce a 'Buddy' system so that new members have a point of contact who</p>	



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will guide them through those first few months until they become familiar with the routines established members take for granted.

A short-term issue is the need to accelerate and reinforce our learning of the new (and existing!) items. Sectional rehearsals, starting at 7:00pm, will commence from Tuesday 10th August. More details in the weekly bulletin.

Further work will take place in the coming weeks and months on short- and long-term objectives, a process made simpler as we emerge from Lockdown. Member suggestions have been received but more are welcome.

10. Social Events

There are preliminary arrangements for a Social evening at the Club. More details later.

John Clay

11. AOB

None.

Chairman

12. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 6th September, 7:00 pm at New Mill Club.

Chairman