

NEW MILL MALE VOICE CHOIR

MUSIC SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

31 January 2022

- 1 No apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes accepted as a true record
- 3 Discussion about Pie Jesu revealed that it was not popular amongst our regular supporters and it was accepted that it may be more appropriate to use it on particularly appropriate occasions; eg those of a religious nature.
- 4 There was no correspondence.
- 5 Review of recent events

The NEW MILL CHRISTMAS FAIR is something we should look to repeat. It means we perform to new people, it raises our profile and is a potential recruitment tool.

LOW MOOR Although the Christmas concert didn't go ahead, the choir was still paid and so there is a possibility that the people there would like us to do a concert around Spring time.

PENISTONE. John Purvis was delighted with the concert and we are invited for Christmas 2022, either 10th or 17th December.*

SCARBOROUGH. Dorian is happy with the format, including end of practice turns. He appreciated the hard work, doesn't feel the need for change and also appreciated the social nature of the weekend.

NEW MILL CHRISTMAS CONCERT. 40 tickets fewer printed, but was a great success and more comfortable. Raffle, entertaining as usual and raised £400.

* There may be a clash of dates as Dorian has an annual commitment at that time of year, but perhaps our New Mill concert could take place on Friday, probably 16th if necessary.

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT. The age profile of the choir was broached by the judges, which maybe got the audience on our side and certainly the standing ovation was appreciated. It was felt that at the sound test we weren't at our best, but we sang well at the actual performance. Whatever happens next and if representatives of the choir are asked to return, we would not be asked to sing again before May.

- 6 Forthcoming events

There have been talks with Hepworth Band for a joint concert to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on May 29th. Two out of three suggested venues were

Northlight Gallery and the Picture Drome. The event may be organised on a family basis, with audience tables, picnic style. Sponsorship is being sought, but the concert is a definite and we would have a 20 minute spot in each half.

Netherton Methodist Church. This has been mooted now for 2 years, but as yet no dates have been suggested.

Low Moor. See above

JM and SF reported that there were problems finding a guest for the Town Hall concert in spite of agents having been contacted. Two suggestions were offered as possible targets.

7 Repertoire

Dorian would like some new Christmas pieces, but as has been highlighted before, preparations for the Town Hall concert in October and often a concert in September, gives little time to learn new Christmas repertoire. Suggestions about starting to learn some in August and not have an August break were raised and accepted as reasonable, as was returning to the library to find items such as the Italian Piper's Carol. No decision was made at this meeting.

“All for me Grog” and several false starts was discussed as not being popular with some members and there had been several “false starts” with it. It was suggested by Dorian that it gave variety and we should have a sea shanty in our repertoire, which was accepted.

Members to be reminded that choices for new repertoire should now be submitted over the next month or two so that a final selection can be made at the June/July meeting.

It was felt that pieces that could be learnt quickly was a good criterion, at least for some selections and a look into the back catalogue would serve this purpose. Dorian was invited to put forward his own suggestions.

8 Section leader issues.

The need for all sections to use the facilities provided by Drop Box and the website in order to avail themselves of their own parts was raised, as this would mean that less time would be needed at full rehearsals for part bashing. There would also be fewer mistakes made at concerts. More sectional splits during rehearsals may also help.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Next meeting 25th April. 10 am in the club