



Choir Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 10th January 2022

Present - John Mallinson (chairman), Steve Flynn (secretary)
Derek Holman, John Middleton, Stephen Broadbent, Paul Morgan, Fred Simms

1. Formalities –

Apologies for Absence

John Clay
Steve Davies

Approval of Previous Minutes (November)

Approved – John Middleton
Seconded – Fred Simms

Chairman

2. Correspondence and Matters arising

Secretary

- a) Parkinson's Choir
The Choir have received a letter from June Tracey asking for support for the Parkinson's Choir rehearsals in Lindley. We will add the request to Tuesday's notices and bring up again in Scarborough.
- b) Bob Carrick
After many years with the Choir Bob has decided to retire. His commitment and service to New Mill MVC was noted and we wish Bob all the best in the coming years. We will no doubt see him at concerts in the future and maybe share a beer or two afterwards!
- c) Red Lea Covid Protocols
The Choir have received the hotels Covid Protocols which are available to view [here](#).
The main requirement is to have a lateral flow test on Thursday/Friday before the weekend and have the negative result – the plastic test kit – with you when you arrive on Friday evening. We will summarise and advise the Choir of other arrangements at Tuesday's rehearsal.
- d) Approach from Thames TV/Britain's Got Talent
The Choir have received a mail from Erika Budd of Thames TV asking if we will consider auditioning for the show. The request has been submitted based on video/audio content on our web. We will canvas opinion at Tuesday's rehearsal although the timescale is very tight, auditions are at the London Palladium on 16th to 26th January!



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8. Committee Objectives

The Choir is still in the process of working through the effects of the pandemic although there is light at the end of the tunnel! A great deal of effort and emotional energy has been spent running rehearsals and concerts, hoping that events wouldn't conspire against us. We lost one Christmas Concert as many events went down the pan. The committee began work in October 2021 on a set of objectives. We were then derailed by Omicron and the uncertainties around our day to day activities.

Fingers crossed, there are signs that the New Year will bring more stability into our arrangements and it's time to look further ahead than a few weeks! The committee will flesh out the October proposals and kickstart the process.

For reference –

October proposals, outlined with 1017 Marketing were ...

- a. To improve the profile of the New Mill Male Voice Choir
Note – we have had some success with this. The Thames TV/BGT approach was made on the strength of web content. Some lessons there.
- b. To increase membership among a younger age group
- c. To increase awareness, interest and sales of concerts and events
- d. To secure the future of the New Mill Male Voice Choir

Not easy but we'll give it a crack!

9. Social Events

Non to report

John Clay

10. AOB

None received

Chairman

11. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 14th February 2022
New Mill Club, 7:00pm

Chairman
Meeting Closed
8:10pm