



# Choir Committee Meeting

## Minutes

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Present** - John Mallinson (chairman), Steve Flynn (secretary)  
Fred Sims, Steve Davies, Derek Holman, Paul Morgan, Stephen Broadbent, Chris Dempster

### 1. Formalities –

#### *Apologies for Absence*

None

#### *Approval of Previous Minutes (October)*

Approved – Derek Holman

Seconded – Fred Sims

#### *Matters arising from previous minutes*

Issues with Kirklees What's On advertising for our Town Hall concert have been discussed with Kirklees staff and resolved to the Choir's satisfaction.

Chairman

### 2. Correspondence and Matters arising

#### *a) Lawrence Batley Theatre*

Fred Sims enquired about the hire charge for the Lawrence Batley theatre. They are higher than the Town Hall!

#### *b) GDPR Process for Leavers.*

John Middleton has finalised the GDPR process for handling the data we hold for former Choir members.

#### *c) Peterborough Male Choir Conference – Feb '23*

The Choir will be represented at the Conference in 2023.

Topics for discussion include Repertoire, Fund Raising and Recruitment. For more details see ...

<https://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk/male-choir-conference-2023>

#### *d) Sir Willard White*

The Committee formally acknowledged Sir Willard as the new Choir President and will inform him that his new status has been published on our Web and social media.

Secretary



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## 3. Concerts

### a) Christmas 2022

#### I. Penistone Paramount/Rotary, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The Choir have a few tickets. See Richard Green and Trevor Davison. There is strong demand for tickets for this concert so buy early!

#### II. Solenis, Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>

Concert start time will be 7:15pm (Not 7:00pm as originally advised). A Children's Choir will also appear on the programme.

#### III. New Mill, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Concert start time is 7:00 pm

Afterglow in New Mill Club.

Tickets will be £10 adults, under 16 free.

Tickets are on sale via our web...

<https://newmillmvc.org.uk/event/new-mill-mvc-christmas-concert/>

The Raffle is arranged.

Holmfirth Café Orchestra will be our guests.

### b) Spring Concert at St John's, Upperthong.

Following the success of the concert earlier this year, St John's have requested a repeat event in Spring 2023. More details soon.

## 4. Finance

### a) Town Hall 2022.

The concert lost a total of £1352.

Ticket sales at the box office were 310 and the Choir sold a further 16 seats from our allocation of tickets.

In essence, we were about 50 seats short of our break even point.

Despite the disappointing financial outcome, we had a fantastic evening.

We are not alone in finding it difficult to sell concert tickets in the current climate. Huddersfield Choral are giving tickets away – when did that last happen!

The Town Hall is booked for next year and we recognise the importance of a Town Hall concert to the local profile of the Choir.

Steve Davies



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## b) Accounts for 2021/22 and budget estimates for 2023

Steve Davis presented the accounts for 2021/22 and the projected budgets for 2023. We are operating within our financial targets and there are no immediate issues. However, we need to consider the financial implications of our Town Hall concert and monitor the rising costs of the Scarborough workshop weekend. Neither is under threat as both are pivotal events in the Choir's year.

The Committee gave a vote of thanks to Steve for his financial guidance. His expertise is an invaluable asset to the Choir.

## 5. Membership

The Open Night was not a success but we continue our efforts to attract new members. This activity is ongoing and can't be restricted to a single evening!

We have copies of music and uniforms that are unaccounted for. Stephen will chase these up with ex-members.

Stephen Broadbent

## 6. Website and Choir Communications

Office 365 has been rolled out to Tom Ashworth. Further rollouts will be organised for Fred Sims and Steve Davis.

John Middleton/SF

## 7. Social Events

Volunteers are required to arrange a Choir Dinner for 2023.

## 8. AOB

## 9. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
New Mill Club, 7:00pm

Chairman  
**Meeting Closed**  
**8:45 pm**