



# New Mill MVC

## 2022 AGM Minutes

New Mill Club  
Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022  
7:00 pm

### 1. Formalities –

#### Apologies for Absence

Doug Shuttleworth  
John Rotchell  
Paul Morgan  
Rod Gooch  
John (Rocky) Joseph  
Philip Hardcastle  
Clive Hetherington

#### Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

Approved – Terry Dean  
Seconded – Graham Dawson

### 2. Chairman's Report

The last AGM attended by members was March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, shortly afterwards the Choir ceased all activity as we entered lockdown. Nearly two years later we resumed live rehearsals!

Monthly Committee meetings were conducted on Zoom.

Alan officially retired in June 2020 and Dorian took over as MD. Dorian and Emma quickly set up a rehearsal regime on Zoom and this kept the Choir together during the months from July 2020 to July 2021. These were invaluable weekly sessions. Some persevered, some couldn't stand them but their value to the Choir shouldn't be underestimated. The Choir spirit got us through the long months of lockdowns and restrictions. Thanks are also due to John Middleton for keeping the Choir informed via the weekly online bulletins. John is retiring from committee work but will continue his invaluable role supporting Choir communications.

#### But what of the future?

In recent months we have been joined by 3 new members and others are coming along to rehearsals. We must continue our efforts to attract more! New music has been introduced and we have concerts in the pipeline. The annual Town Hall concert is a problem. Potential guests do not come cheap and selling tickets is always hard work.

The Choir resumed rehearsals in July 2021 with 28 people attending the first 'live' session. This number has steadily increased and we now regularly see

Chairman





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45-50 members at rehearsal. Forty members have attended tonight's AGM which is close to a record!

#### 3. Secretary's Report

The Secretary outlined the responsibilities of the role in an organisation like the Choir. Legally, he represents the interests of the members and keeps the Choir Committee informed of any issues. The role has been ably filled by previous incumbents and the model for the Secretaries duties is well embedded in the Choir. Whoever does the role just has to live up to it!

Secretary

#### 4. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Accounts

The Choir achieved a financial surplus in 2021 largely due to two years of tax refunds. The Choir must make every effort to make a financial surplus via our concerts. We made a small loss on the 2021 Town Hall concert but the committee accepted this because of the nature of the event. It was important to us, after such a long absence, to promote the concert.

Treasurer

#### 5. Musical Director's Report

Dorian's full report is available [here](#)

Musical  
Director

#### 6. Other Reports as appropriate

The Music Sub-Committee continued their work and introduced many new items to the Choir's repertoire. The Choir was urged to think of new items for 2023 and suggestions will be canvassed later in the year.

Emidio





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### 7. Election of Officers

Nominations to the committee for 2022-23 have been proposed and seconded by Choir Members.

Name	Role	Proposer	Seconder
John Mallinson	Chairman	Matthew Foster	Rob Coombs
Steve Flynn	Secretary	Alan Hicks	Rob Coombs
Steve Davies	Treasurer	Andy Johnston	Alan Hicks
Derek Holman	Concert Secretary	Andy Johnston	Alan Hicks
Stephen Broadbent	Membership Secretary	Andy Johnston	Ian Day
John Clay	Social	T Dean	Alan Hicks
Paul Morgan	Wardrobe	Jack Bex	Dave Milward
Fred Sims		Bob McCartney	Philip Hardcastle
Chris Dempster		Dave Walker	S Hill

The above were voted onto the committee en-bloc.

### 8. Choir Subscriptions

Proposal to raise Choir Subscriptions by £3.00 per quarter. ie. From £30.00 to £33.00.

The Choir's costs continue to rise. This is the first proposed increase in annual subs since 2018. It has long been a Choir objective to maintain a reserve bank balance which covers 18 months of our operating costs.

The proposal was passed by a majority vote. Just one against.

Committee

### 9. AOB

#### a. Britain's Got Talent

The secretary outlined the current position with the process. The Choir do not know whether we will be asked to make any further appearances on the show and the lack of a decision is affecting both Choir and members forward planning. The Choir have a proposed concert with Hepworth Band which we can't confirm because of a clash with the dates BGT have asked us to reserve. We have had a communication from Simon Lynch of Thames TV intimating that a decision will be communicated, 'hopefully', next week (w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March).

A show of hands indicated that we have a viable Choir for the event, albeit with reduced numbers from our audition appearance.

Chairman





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Members were willing to reserve a decision on our involvement with the show to the end of w/c 7<sup>th</sup> March and review the situation again. Bill Hopwood indicated that Hepworth band was sympathetic to our situation but we will keep them informed of progress, or lack of.

b. Wardrobe

A question was raised about the availability of uniforms and the number of uniforms still being held by ex-members. Paul Morgan was indisposed for this meeting but will report back when available. For reference, Paul's report on the status of the Choir Wardrobe as of November 2021 can be reviewed [here](#)

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#### 10. Meeting Closed – 7:50pm

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Chairman

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