



Choir Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 14th August 2023

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

1. Formalities –

Apologies for Absence

John Clay

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved - Derek

Seconded – Fred

Chairman

2. Correspondence and Matters arising

- B&R concert preliminary meeting
Chairman and Secretary will attend meeting at Christ Church, New Mill on Wednesday 27th September.
- Bagden Hall invite to sing at a Sunday Lunch in December declined. Our Christmas schedule is finalised and further commitments will not be added.
- Music spend for 2024 (£589.68) approved. These are the items proposed by MSC in July. See [MSC minutes](#) circulated on August 14th.
- Piano
The Choir will investigate purchasing a new piano to replace our current 30-year-old model.
- A tentative idea to hold the final rehearsal before the Town Hall concert in Christ Church, New Mill was abandoned. The cost would be prohibitive.

Secretary

3. Concerts

- **Wedding – Adam's Daughter**

Saturday August 26th

Arrive 12:00 to sort out usual Choir logistics. These may be different to usual arrangements as the Church will be full. The Choir will be singing by 13:00 – as the Guests arrive. The Choir will also sing during the ceremony.

Please park well away from the Church and arrange car shares if possible.

This is a full fee performance.

Derek



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- **Bridlington**

September 9th – 11th

A Site visit has taken place and logistics for the concert are sorted – (but there will always be some adjustments on the night!)

Hotel accommodation will be paid this week.

Taxi's for Saturday night are being finalised.

A full itinerary for the weekend, particularly the concert at the Priory, will be available shortly

- **Town Hall – October 7th**

Rehearsal timings will be finalised with the Choirs and Band and agreed at the Town Hall Tech Meeting.

The stage arrangements for the Band are fixed but we have some flexibility with the Choirs. This may have to be resolved at the pre-concert rehearsal.

Note – the '**Ten for the TH**' gents will be free to sing from copy.

Dress code in the second half will be Black trousers, White shirt and Black bow tie.

We are looking at some 'special FX' lighting for the concert, particularly for 'Non-Nobis', but costs/operational issues are problematic.

- **Birkenshaw Festival**

Friday 20th October

A full fee performance.

A new venue for the Choir and, looking at the guest line-up for the month-long festival, this looks like a prestigious event.

Tickets available at the door.

- **Christmas 2023 – The Three Concerts!**

The usual concerts in the usual venue's. ALL FULL FEE (or better). These are an important annual revenue stream for the Choir.



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Opus Three, an all-star combo, will be our guests at New Mill on **Friday 22nd December**. Book early when tickets are available in November!

4. Finance

- Most of the Bridlington money is in.
- We are operating with a fairly consistent £20k balance.
- Our Independent Auditor, Alistair Smith, has retired. Steve D has thanked him for his many years of service to the Choir. Steve will arrange for a new Auditor to replace Alistair.

Steve Davies

5. Membership

- Dan Griffiths has successfully passed his voice test and will be invited to join the Choir. Welcome Dan.

Chris Dempster

6. Website and Choir Communications

Nothing to report

7. Social Events

- **Tom Ashworth** is arranging several mid-week events. Listen up for announcements at rehearsals.
- **Dave Thorpe** is arranging another 'Pub Night' at the Wagon and Horses in Meltham. Sign up via Dave.

John Clay

8. AOB

Chairman

9. Date and time of next meeting

**Monday September 4th, 7:00pm,
New Mill Club.**

Chairman
Meeting Closed
8:15 pm