**Kaleidoscope – Minutes of Committee Meeting 20th June 2024**

Present: Rupert Feld, Anne Mapley, Yvonne Ward , Lynne Walsh, Catherine Docherty

Apologises :Cheryl Guest, Sandra Derrick

1. **Members**

It has been pleasing to welcome new members into the choir but we will still continue to recruit a few more.

**Anne** to send **Rupert** the recruitment poster and he will print some A5 flyers for distribution at our next 2 concerts

**Catherine** takes the register each week and both **Yvonne & Lynne** have offered to cover in her absence at any time

We feel it is appropriate to thank Josie with a gift and card for her contribution to the choir and Committee.

**Yvonne** will purchase a patio rose and arrange to get it to her with thanks on behalf of all the choir.

1. **Music**

Could we ask all members to please use their own copies, both in rehearsal and performance.

We usually have additional copies to ‘borrow’ if you cannot locate your own copy during rehearsal

To ensure we comply with PRS licencing all members need to also have original copies with them for performance.

For the next concert this is only applicable for ‘Watching the Wheat’ & ‘Make you Feel My Love’

If you haven't got original copies please ask at the Shenstone rehearsal or before the performance as we have copies available

If asked at a concert about any score ***only legal copies should be shown to the enquirer.***

**Anne** has spoken to PRS and where copies have been made to support accessibility there is no problem with copies.

**Lynne** will ensure music is retrieved from Kathryn Tomlinson who has decided not to join us because the distance is too far.

1. **2024 Events**

**Shenstone Festival – 29th June**

**Lynne** will compere

***Please arrive by 6.45 pm on the 29th for warm up***

We will check out the green room arrangements at the rehearsal on the 26th

**Anne** to transport the piano and music stand for the piano. **Rupert & Yvonne** have everything else. The piano will be swopped into a lighter case and **Rupert** will return it with the other equipment at the following rehearsal

There is parking at the church and plenty of on road parking nearby. Note – the station car park is now chargeable.

Please wear black with our scarves.

There will be folders & scarves for those who haven’t yet got them both at the rehearsal and performance

**Alrewas Festival - 17th-24th August**

**Rupert** has agreed Thursday evening 22nd August.

Rupert will be playing several piano pieces and we will sing only a small part of our repertoire

**Rupert** will compere

**Rotary Concert – 7th September at Lichfield Methodist Church**

Lichfield Rotary have agreed this concert will be a fund-raiser for Burton and District MIND. Specifically this will be donated to ‘Helen’s Bursary’.

**Anne** to mail **Rupert** the poster for the concert and he will print some A5 flyers for distribution at the Shenstone & Alrewas events

Lichfield Rotary have asked if we can set up a Ticket Source account for tickets for them.

**Yvonne** proposes that we use our account and she transfers the funds afterwards.

**Anne** to mail the Rotary representative about this and to explain the 2 options for absorbing the Ticket Source cost. These are either the purchaser pays £10.84 for a £10 ticket or that the ticket costs the purchaser £10 and only £9.16 is credited to the Rotary.

**Lichfield City Station**

We have been invited by the Friends of Lichfield City Station to sing on the platform during a December Saturday. We decided to decline this time. There are some practical considerations singing in an open space, possibly exposed to the elements, and we would only have availability on one Saturday due to other commitments.

1. **Charities**

**Lynne** explained that when she met with Burton & District MINDa fundraiser concert in Burton was suggested, possibly in collaboration with a brass band. We would be keen to support this and we will wait to hear any further details.

**Lynne** has an email contact at St George’s and has sent an email. She is waiting for a response.

**Lynne** has also emailed St Stephens school in Fradley and as yet has not had a response. She has an alternative contact name from Elizabeth Wall and will pursue contact, but it may come to nothing.

1. **Equipment & Admin**

Our right-hand storage cabinet lock has failed again. **Rupert** will have a look at it but as there is nothing valuable or confidential stored we may decide to just leave it unlocked.

**Yvonne** has been in touch with the supplier of our piano case and it would have to be sent back to Yamaha, which is not practical.

**Lynne** has been in contact with the local Repair Café and they would be able to replace the wheels and reinforce the base at material cost only. **Lynne** will arrange to get the case to the Repair Café.

Labels on our cabinets and equipment still include Helen’s phone number. **Catherine** will arrange to replace these with new labels displaying Anne & Lynne’s number.

**Catherine** will issue the members contact list to the Committee to reflect recent additions.

**Next Committee Meeting**

Next committee meeting - Thursday 8th August at Lynne’s

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 26th June 7.45pm – rehearsal at Shenstone venue**

**Saturday 29th June (evening) – Shenstone Festival Concert, Shenstone Trinity Methodist Church, WS14 0NQ**

**Members arrival – 6.45pm for warm up**

**Thursday 22ndAugust evening – Alrewas Festival**

**Saturday September 7th, 7.30 pm – Concert for Lichfield Rotary at Lichfield Methodist Church**

**Saturday December 14th, 7.30 pm – Christmas concert at Thomas Spencer Hall**

**Wednesday December 18th, 8.00 pm – Family & Friends Event at Thomas Spencer Hall**