

Kaleidoscope- Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 20th January 2025

Present: Yvonne Ward, Rupert Feld, Sandra Derrick, Lynne Walsh
Apologies: Cheryl Guest, Catherine Docherty

1. Members

- Welcome to new member Jaki
- We are continuing to recruit and discussed ways to do this- eg posters in surgeries and clubs, active advertising again, exploring online presence **C/F next meeting**

2. Music

- California Dreamin' copies now obtained
- Rupert has written further new arrangements from 'Mikado' and an arrangement of 'Let it Go' (from 'Frozen') These will of course differ from the original scores for showcasing the choir. Rupert has ordered copies of 'Viva la Vida' (Coldplay).

3. Events – Xmas 2024

- Lichfield City Station was cancelled due to bad weather
- Probus lunchtime concert – good feedback from Probus, donation made to us for “Helens Bursary”. The room was a bit cramped.
- Christmas concert – very good feedback from our audience
 - the hall worked well, good access and lovely ambience
 - decorations were lovely, refreshments super
 - parking arrangements worked well
 - choir members were brilliant in helping on the night

Events 2025

- Cait Hodgkiss event 28th January “Rewind” **Rupert** to check this week numbers attending **Arrive at Cathedral 6.15pm all other information previously provided**
- St Peter's Stonnall – **Yvonne** to further discuss options with Jill
- Possible collaboration with Mind Burton & District **Lynne** to follow up
- **Sat 13th December** Christmas concert at Thomas Spencer Hall
- Hopes for a further concert/ collaboration Christmas concert.
- Aims for poster design/ publicity for Christmas event/s to be commenced earlier.

4. Charities

- Further attempts to connect with St George's hospital have been unsuccessful.
- Suggestions from committee and from choir members to continue to fundraise for “Helen's Bursery” Mind Burton & District in 2025- voting for 2025 charity at AGM
- Jo Smith from Burton & District Mind is coming to receive a presentation cheque for “Helen's Bursary” fund at our AGM 29th January

5. Equipment & admin

- piano case wheels have been kindly altered by Paul Golder at the Repair Cafe. It now seems easier to pull- hopefully it will still fit in the cupboard
- throat microphone **Rupert** to explore
- updated members list **Catherine** to send out to committee members

6. AGM / Committee numbers

- We all appreciate the work that goes into the smooth and safe running of our choir. We need to increase the members on committee and potentially other ad-hoc roles. We understand that you may be unable to help for whatever reason but if you can, please consider it- we want to spread the load for everyone.
- As per our Constitution, we are required to have certain officers and a minimum number of committee members for decisions. (You can find it on the website)
- We need to recruit **at least three** new committee members, to include a **Secretary or Treasurer**
- **Secretary- no longer includes IT/ website/ social media** – unless you want to!
- We need **IT/ website admin/ social media** help. This can be ad hoc if preference is not to be on the committee, in this case you would liaise with the Secretary when needed.
- We can consider ways of attending meetings virtually if helpful.

If you are interested, please fill out a form for the AGM next week

WHATEVER SKILLS YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY ENTHUSIASM, PLEASE COME FORWARD!

Next meeting Monday 17th February at Cheryl's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28th January “Rewind” Event Lichfield Cathedral arrive 6.15pm

Wednesday 29th January 7.45pm presentation of cheque to Jo Smith for “Helen's Bursary” fund followed by AGM / rehearsal

Saturday 13th December concert at Thomas Spencer Hall