

Minutes Committee Meeting 17 Feb 2025

Present: Stella Trench, Rupert Feld, Cheryl Guest, Lynne Walsh, Yvonne Ward

AGM feedback: all agreed that the AGM went well considering the mainly new team involved. We thanked Stella for agreeing to become a Committee member.

2025 Committee: _Chair	Lynne Walsh
Secretary	Yvonne Ward
Treasurer	Yvonne Ward
Digital Enabler	Stella Trench (assisted by Louise Troman)
Membership	Cheryl Guest Catherine Docherty Sandra Derrick

Yvonne suggested that a specific Concert Secretary may be a good idea, Lynne to look into this.

Digital Enabler: Stella and Louise are meeting with Anne Mapley to facilitate the handover of the website administration. Thanks to Anne for organising this. Stella presented a summary of areas where she thought she could make a difference, including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube channel and keeping the website up to date.

Stella also suggested that we could have names and photos of members in the members only section of the website which she felt would help new joiners get to grips with who's who. Cheryl and Stella to liaise to check on whether our existing GDPR statement covers this.

It was felt that a WhatsApp group should be set up for Committee communication, maybe eventually encompassing the whole choir. Yvonne to confirm with Catherine and Sandra that they agree and then set up the group.

Membership: a conversation took place about the existing membership list (accessed by the committee only) which could be used as the basis for a weekly register to record absences, concert attendance and as a fire register. Cheryl to look into this.

Please continue to advise a Committee member (Cheryl) of any planned absences so that Rupert can plan new music learning efficiently. Also continue to advise a committee member/ Rupert if you will not make that evening's rehearsal.

Music: New music. Things are progressing well on the Mikado pieces. These do not require licenses as they are out of copyright. Rupert is still working on Viva La Vida (Coldplay) and Let it Go (Frozen) and a barbershopish version of Winter Wonderland.

Old Music. We will be dropping Make me feel your Love and With a Little Help. Jo has been trying to clear drawer space and has been referring scores to Rupert to dispose of. Lynne has offered to store overspill as long as we keep a list.

Equipment: Radio Mikes (Rupert) are still on hold as we don't have any immediate need for them. We may have to purchase a new Amp to facilitate the mikes and the keyboard.

Lynne has had new wheels fitted to the Keyboard case and has made a donation to the Repair Cafe that carried out the work.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Concert booked in Thomas Spencer Hall, 13 December 2025.

Lynne is meeting with Jo at MIND (local Co-ordinator) to discuss collaborating/organising a concert in an area such as Burntwood, Burton to access a different audience.

A discussion took place about events such as Festivals, Open Gardens etc that occur in the local villages that we could perhaps get invited to.

Lynne to approach St Giles church in Whittington to suggest a concert in June/July.

Lynne has been communicating with Jill Street about a concert at Stonnall Church Spring 2026.

It is noted that the redeveloped Beacon Park has an events area.
Rupert asked that we don't organise concerts in September as this is the time that we move onto learning Christmas music.

We have no other concerts booked so would appreciate ideas from the Choir.

MIND/Helen's Bursary: We have received Correspondence from Keri at MIND who is seeking permission to use Helen's Bursary to provide an outdoor activity space/allotment space at The Old Mining College, Chasetown. An amount of £720 would be used to construct some raised beds. A programme of events will be planned for 8-12 adults consisting of horticulture and outdoor crafts whilst learning about good mental health. The Committee has approved this use of funds but if you, as a choir member have any objection or want further information please let Yvonne know by the end of February.

AOB: we have had contact from Support Staffordshire to update our information. Yvonne to complete.
Lynne has provided Rosie Klich (Helen's daughter) with the link to the recent cheque handover on Lichfield Live.

Meeting finished 9.30pm

Next Meeting 24th March at Yvonne's.

