

Minutes of 16 June 2025 Committee Meeting

Apologies: Sandra Derrick.

Concert 27 June: Rupert and Yvonne have met with Megan (the organiser for St. Giles Entertains) and discussed the following.

Wednesday 25th Rehearsal in church. 19.30 – 22.00. Chairs and equipment to be put away afterwards.

Chairs: hopefully we will get 19 chairs in three rows directly under or in front of the arch.

Parking: (on 27th) for choir members that are able, will be at a farm in Back Lane.

Yvonne and Rupert will arrive before 17.30 on Friday to move Keyboard etc to avoid disturbing the Youth Group.

Black concert dress with turquoise scarf and folder. Scarf and folder to be handed out by Jo on 18th June.

Green room will be in the committee room in the hall, next to the ladies toilets, which will be locked during our performance.

We are aiming for two halves of 45 minutes each with a 20 minute interval. There will be a raffle.

Anne Mapley will compere the evening.

Yvonne to send an email to the choir outlining all relevant information with a copy to Stella to place on the website.

26th July Concert: Methodist Church Lichfield 7.30 – 10.00. The details will appear under ‘concerts’ on the website and Lynne will send an email nearer the time.

Yvonne has produced posters for distribution by choir members. The event is advertised on TicketSource and Catherine has tickets to sell.

Yvonne to book a dress rehearsal in the church for 23 July and to check whether a raffle is possible.

Lynne is to produce a list of jobs that choir members can volunteer for. Lynne will compere.

Lynne to contact Rosie Klich, Rotary and MIND. We will ask MIND for a collecting receptacle for the refreshment donations.

Yvonne to give two tickets to the Colemans (auditor).

Memory Cafe: Lichfield Methodist Church. The dates of 21 August (am) and 28 August (pm) have been agreed and communicated to Bridget at the Memory Cafe. The timing of our 20-30 minute slot has yet to be decided.

Digital Update: Once again Stella and Louise have been very busy and following a meeting between themselves and Lynne many tweaks and changes were agreed to the website. The PHP update which enables Wordpress to work on our website should be carried out shortly but Stella has had to seek outside assistance.

Louise has suggested that a process document should be produced to help those working on the website in the future. We agreed this was an excellent idea.

Stella suggested that we should make more of the fact that we perform original compositions and arrangements. We will have a separate page for charitable activities past and present on the website.

Stella has had good feedback about the rehearsal recordings on the website, so they will continue.

Stella has asked that should choir members have ideas for facebook posts etc please let her know.

New Choir Photo: Dave, Stella’s husband, has kindly agreed to take some badly needed new choir photos. He will attend the rehearsal on 18 June and hopefully take some at the 27 June concert. Yvonne to remind choir.

New Constitution: We have agreed the revised wording of the Constitution. Yvonne will publish it to the membership and arrange the EGM for the 30 July for the membership vote.

Radio Microphone: Rupert has purchased a Radio Mic. The intention being that the Compere uses the radio mic as they can switch it on and off themselves. The Soloists would 'step up to mic' in the normal way.

Recruitment: Yvonne has produced a recruitment poster and will bring some to rehearsal for distribution by choir members. It should appear in the next edition of Look Local and thereafter. Yvonne will look into posting in other Lichfield publications.

Vocal Workshop: Lynne has mooted the idea of inviting a third party to lead the choir in a workshop to explore such topics as breathing, expression and projection which would lead to an increase in performance confidence. Rupert agreed that this would be a good idea. Lynne to approach Ben and/or Cathy Lamb to discuss feasibility.

AOB: Rupert again asked members to let us know of any absences. Yvonne to put Cheryl's details on a yellow notice.

Next Meeting 14 July at Cheryl's.