

Minutes Committee Meeting

22 September 2025

Apologies: Catherine Docherty

Committee/Membership: Anne Mapley has kindly volunteered to become a committee member. Under the terms of the constitution new members can be co-opted mid term as required so no vote is needed. Yvonne will add her to the WhatsApp group.

We welcome Jean Bradnock into the first Soprano's. Cheryl has completed her registration and Yvonne will enable Jean to pay her subscription.

Although we have 26 members (equally split between the sections) we are still actively recruiting so please ask family and friends. Flyers/Posters are available from Yvonne for display in local shops etc.

Please be aware that we have quite the workload on the run up to Christmas so Rupert and the Committee would like to say thank you for not chatting whilst other parts are rehearsing and any questions please ask Rupert, (a raise of the hand works best) and not your neighbour.

Many of the songs are available on the website for 'at home' practice, especially useful for revising the navigation of a piece. If you're not sure how to access these, please ask.

Digital Update: The list of Christmas songs are now available under the members Events section of the website.

Stella has renewed our Domain name registration. Yvonne to reimburse Stella.

Stella is having problems adding and/or changing email lists. She has raised the problem with the website provider.

Rupert has asked for QR codes on our posters to take people directly to our website. Lynne will look into this.

Rupert also asked Stella to look into posting on Instagram. Stella confirmed that it is not too onerous as posts are already done for Facebook. Instagram would be accessed by a 'different' demographic. Watch this space.

Great Barr Library: The Committee concluded that we should regretfully decline this invitation. We felt it was too far to travel and difficult in the middle of the day. Lynne to reply.

Townswomen's Guild: We have received an invitation to sing for the Townswomen's Guild at one of their meetings next year, which take place in Lichfield on Wednesdays at 1pm. We accepted the invitation and chose Wednesday 3rd June 2026 and will charge £60 for our charity. Lynne to reply.

Rotary Concert: We have been invited to perform at a Rotary Concert. The Concert will be organised by Rotary and will take place in Lichfield Methodist Church. Any profit will be donated to St Giles Hospice. We chose the date of Saturday 30th May, time TBC. Lynne to confirm with Elizabeth Wall.

Summer Concert: Lynne would like to organise our own summer concert and Strawberry Tea. The committee thought that St Giles church, Whittington was a good venue and easy to access with our equipment. Yvonne will contact Lynne Mills at St Giles Church and Sara Dyott at Thomas Spencer Hall with some suggested dates.

Stonnall Concert: We were asked by Stonnall church to consider a concert in the spring of 2026. Due to Rupert's absence in April the committee thought March would be most likely. Yvonne to liaise with Jill

Christmas Concert: We have started learning the Christmas Music and a likely list has been produced by Rupert. Yvonne and Rupert will produce the poster/flyer and Rupert will make contact with musicians. Lynne and Cheryl will organise the raffle.

Memory Cafe: Due to our well received previous concerts, we have been asked to perform at their Tamworth venue. We have provisionally agreed a date of 25th November 2025. They meet at the Sacred Heart between 10.30-12.30. Yvonne to send an email re likely participants.

Workshop: Lynne has been in touch with Cathy Lamb and a provisional date of 8th November 2025 has been suggested. Yvonne to email re likely participants before confirming. Costs will come out of funds and will be for choir members only.

Rupert's April 2026 Absence: Rupert has approached Sue who has confirmed that she is happy to take rehearsals. Thank you Sue.

AOB: Rupert has asked Stella to put recordings of rehearsals on the website.

The required licence for Winter Wonderland is not available on Arrange Me but Rupert has applied for an individual licence which may take 6 weeks.

Lynne would still like to pursue a memorial bench for Helen in Fradley churchyard. Yvonne to email Elizabeth Wall.

We have still not received an invoice for our July concert in Lichfield Methodist Church (despite reminders) so final figures are still not available for our profit.

Next meeting 27th October at Lynne's.

