



Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th May 2025 at 10 am at
63 Lower Redland Road.

Present: Gill Bowen, Margie Bushell, Guy Hawthorn (Chair), Carol Holmes, Richard Pedlar, Sarah Scott.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Marella Fison, Bill Jerrome, Mary Neave, Barbara Rusbridge.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 17th September 2024: approved.
3. **Matters arising:** item 6c. no one has volunteered to be Social Secretary, but Jenny Lowe has volunteered to take charge of practical arrangements for the concerts.
Item 7. We still need to attract new members, particularly sopranos and tenors. Advertise on social media if somebody in the choir is au fait with facebook etc. Margie has an example of a flier we could use to hand to friends and acquaintances.

4. Officers' reports

Chairman: report previously circulated

Secretary: We currently have 24 members plus two possible new ones (one soprano, one bass).

Currently: 6 sopranos, 9 altos, 4 tenors, 5 basses. Attendance last term varied between 18 and 23. Two people will not be singing this term: 1 alto 1 bass.

Treasurer: Current account balance: £2,993.43. Savings account: £644.50. Petty cash: £111. Grand total: £3,748.99.

Our bank account has been changed from a business account to a community account. There is now a £4.25 monthly charge, and a charge for cheques of 50p per cheque. Online payments are free

for the first 100 per month. Only three people currently pay their subs by cheque, and one has paid the extra 50p. The committee decided that the extra 50p was not worth worrying about, and as all banks now charge for similar accounts we would stay with Lloyds. We may need to review subs next year in view of rising costs.

Librarian: music for this term is now sorted, with one new piece to come.

Sopranos: We need more sopranos

Altos: a request has been made that we start rehearsing some of the summer concert material in the spring term alongside the Easter music in view of the shortage of rehearsal time in the summer term. This request would be put to Barbara.

Tenors: no matters to report

Basses: no matters to report apart from the new recruit.

Musical Director: Barbara sent some written notes. She reiterated her thanks to the choir for their excellent performance at the Palm Sunday service. She suggested a card of thanks to David Ogden for his excellent leadership – Guy has already sent this. She is looking into including some musicians to play a couple of pieces in our summer concert.

5. Summer concert planning

Richard is in the process of designing the concert poster. It was agreed 10 A4 and 50 A5 fliers should be printed, and that the ticket price should be £10. Guy will meet with Richard to review the poster on 14 May. Two suggestions were made regarding the concert: 1) ladies to wear summer dresses and gentlemen wear open-necked shirts; 2) we might start the second half with a round. A summer concert planning meeting will be held for those involved on Tuesday 3rd June.

6. Christmas concert

Marella provided information on the costs of hiring the Baptist church for the Christmas concert, which will be a considerable

increase over last year's costs when we paid £200 as a donation, giving any profits to a charity of our choice. The committee discussed the pros and cons of having interval refreshments in the Carey Room or the foyer, saving money on not hiring the Tyndall Hall (total costs of £273 as opposed to £378). A decision was made to continue booking the Tyndall Hall. We may have to review the ticket price to reflect increased costs.

7. Any Other Business

Progress is being made on recruiting people for small group songs in the summer concert – one for women, one for men.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th September at 2 pm. AGM to take place on Monday 29th September.

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