

**Minutes of the Petersfield Community Choir Committee meeting
held at TPS at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd January, 2015**

Present

Carol, Christine, Hilary, Ysanne, Gerry, Sheila, Dee, Jeannie, Jenny, Moo

Apologies

Margaret

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed. Sheila was welcomed onto the Committee.

2. Review of the Christmas Concert

- a) Very positive comments had been received from members of the audience e.g. "excellent", "fantastic", "best ever".
- b) A profit of £91.24 had been made on the refreshments

3) Heating and chairs in the School Hall

It was pointed out that the setting out of chairs at the beginning of a rehearsal didn't appear to be part of the contract with the school. It was reported that the school had had problems with two of their boilers but apparently these had now been rectified.

4) Review of carol singing with the Lions and the Steep Wassail

It was felt that both these events had been enjoyable and fun and well worth taking part in. It was hoped that the choir would be involved again next year. The Lions had donated £115.00 from the carol singing evening to The Rowans Hospice, the choir's nominated charity. It was suggested that the choir might learn a few more wassailing songs.

5) Charities for 2015

3rd June Concert

It was agreed that the charity would be Myasthenia Gravis in memory of Jenny Hart who died last year and who had been a long-standing member of the choir. It was agreed Jenny Cumming would let Carol have details of the charity. **ACTION: Jenny**

9th December Concert

It was agreed that a charity for this concert would be discussed later in the year.
ACTION: Carol

6. 3rd June Concert

a) Theme

It was suggested that in view of the number of songs currently being learnt about the sea this could provide a theme for the summer concert. Ysanne agreed to speak to Caroline about this idea. **ACTION: Ysanne**

b) Additional Entertainment

Gerry agreed to make enquiries about a Harpist. **ACTION: Gerry**

c) Rehearsal Change of date

In view of half-term preceding the 3rd June concert (i.e. 27th May) it was suggested that St. Peter's Church be approached to check its availability on Monday evening, 1st June, for a rehearsal. **ACTION: Christine**

d) Programme for Concert

It was suggested and agreed that a programme would be produced for the next concert. To be brought forward to a future meeting. **ACTION: Christine**

7) Singing Invitations

a) Rogate Concert - Saturday, 7th February

Songs: Ysanne suggested Amazing Grace and The Russian Folk Song. She was happy to lead the event and would speak to Carolyn about rehearsing these songs. **ACTION: Ysanne**

NB Amazing Grace and The Russian Folk Song had now been confirmed.

Time of Event: The concert started at 6.30 p.m. and the choir would need to be seated by not later than 6.15 p.m.

Choir members attending: A tick sheet would be circulated at choir this evening.
ACTION: Christine

b) The Lions Concert - 11th April

The Lions had now completed their line-up of acts and the choir was no longer required.

c) Portsmouth Dockyard Event - Saturday, 7th March

This event was taking place between 12 noon and 4 p.m. Ysanne would lead the choir. A tick sheet would be made available to choir members at the rehearsal next week.

ACTION: Christine. Songs were yet to be decided.

8) Half Term Social in February

It was agreed that Ysanne would check how many choir members might be interested in taking part in a social event. **ACTION: Ysanne**

9) Carried Forward Items

- a) Banners - to be discussed at the next meeting
- b) Folders - to be discussed at the next meeting

10) Any Other Business

- a) New Choir Photograph

It was agreed that Ysanne would get in touch with Stephane to check his availability on a Wednesday in the next two or three weeks. **ACTION: Ysanne**

- b) Choir Rehearsal on 4th March

The School Hall was not available on this day. It was agreed that Christine should confirm her provisional booking of the The Avenue Pavilion. **ACTION: Christine**

11) Date of Next Meeting

No firm date was arranged but it was suggested that a longer meeting could be arranged in half term week (18th February) if there was no social event.

