

## Petersfield Community Choir    MD report for AGM    21 Oct 2015

It is now 4 years since I took over running Petersfield Community Choir from Sarah Morgan. It is also one year since the PCC committee was formed which seems to have been a dynamic development resulting in several social events and workshops taking place.

The choir continues to include Hampshire folk songs in its repertoire as well as folk songs from further afield but I have also introduced some more contemporary songs, some arranged by Sarah Morgan and some arranged by people with different styles such as Lester Simpson, Graham Pratt, Shelley Posen, Sandra Kerr among others.

I have continued to focus on the overall tone of the choir as well as phrasing. The numbers continue to grow including in the bass section which includes a rare Basso Profundo giving the bass section a weightier sound with more depth.

The choir continues to perform two major concerts a year; one in the summer and one in winter in St Peter's Church. Our summer concert in July had a sea theme including some readings of related poems. The winter concert will involve quite a few new songs for this year including the very lovely 'When the Snows of Winter Fall' by the late Graeme Miles and 'The Wonderful Sucking Pig', collected in Hampshire by George Gardiner.

As before there is no limit on the membership numbers and we continue to run the choir in lines with the ethos of community choirs of no auditions and no need to read music. PCC is fortunate to have in Ysanne Bonner a very able, competent deputy and I am grateful to her for her support.

Next year the PCC will make its first foreign tour to France. I look forward to working towards that venture.

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