

AGM 18 OCT 2017

Welcome to our 5th AGM and thank you for coming, we know that this is an early start to the evening and really appreciate you making the effort to be here.

I have a short statement and then we will hear the treasurer's report from Dee followed by Carol, who will tell us about publicity and events and last but not least, we'll hear from Carolyn, our musical director.

We have had another great year with one of the highlights being the celebration of 10 years of singing together as Petersfield Community Choir. It was a super evening and I would like to thank Hilary and Dee for being instrumental in the organisation of the evening and also thanks to Carol for putting together a fabulous scrapbook of our ten years together.

We have settled in well to The Salvation Army Hall and all enjoy and benefit from the great acoustics that the hall gives us. We do now have a waiting list for the choir but so far this is working well, we currently have 6 names on this list.

Is this now a separate item?

(Following the success of our trip away in 2016, we are currently looking at the possibility of a 2 night trip away in mid June to the West Country. Carolyn has contacts with other choirs in this area so we would be able to do some workshopping as well as sharing a concert. We will be sending an email out very soon to gauge interest so that we can move forward with planning.)

Last week we ran our 5th singing workshop, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting afternoon with Lucky Moyo & I think everyone who came will agree it was brilliant fun. The reason we started organising these workshops was that members of the choir had said that they enjoyed having guest leaders from time to time. This is tricky to arrange for a mid-week evening rehearsal so we started to organise the workshops. The first couple were well attended but the last two have had a disappointing number of choir members present. For that reason there are no plans for any further workshops for a while, but of course, we can re visit this if the demand is there.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the members of the committee, Margaret, Dee, Carol, Christine, Jenny, Hilary, Gerry, Sheila, Daphne & Lea-Ann for their work and contribution throughout the year which enables our choir to run as smoothly as it does. Many thanks to Dee, who is remaining on the committee, but stepping down from the position as treasurer; and thanks to Lea-Ann for taking it on. We have two members of the committee stepping down this year. Special thanks to Gerry, who you will all know as the person that has done a brilliant job of ticking us all off and collecting our money since we were in The Studio at TPS and to Jenny who takes wonderful care of our folders and has contributed greatly to the calm, friendly working of our committee for the past 5 years. You will both be missed.

Closing remarks

The choir continues to go from strength to strength and the next year is another exciting one with our usual planned concerts, and the possibility of again seeing Petersfield Community Choir of on another tour!

Thank you to all the members of the choir for their invaluable and continued support.