

## BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA COMMUNITY CHOIR

Notes of Meeting held on Friday 15 November 2024, 7.00pm,

at 6 Penny Close, Boughton Monchelsea

**Present:** Paul Warren, Debby Boland, Sue Burbridge, Tracey Davies, Lyn Dive, Robin Fuller, Jeff Bray, Liz Owen

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Apologies for Absence were received from Karen Hill and Mary D’Arcy.	
2.	<b>Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 19 July 2024</b>	
2a.	<b>Accuracy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</li> </ul>	
2b.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>	
2c.	<b>Ongoing Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EO to send email to those choir members not in the WhatsApp group asking them if they would like to be part of that group.</li> <li>• EO to send email regarding repertoire of music for the Winter concert.</li> </ul>	EO EO
3.	<b>Concerts</b>	
3a.	<b>Arrangements for Concert – 30 November 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW advised that he would be collating a schedule for the concert.</li> <li>• There will be a saxophonist present at the concert.</li> <li>• PW advised that we will require a team to serve tea/coffee, and this will be announced at the next choir rehearsal.</li> <li>• SB was asked to organize gifts for Karen, Sarah and the saxophonist.</li> <li>• Concern was expressed regarding members entering and leaving the ‘stage’ in the church. After discussion, and with Karen’s agreement, it was suggested that sopranos enter/leave on the left, altos enter/leave on right and men enter/leave from the choir stalls.</li> <li>• EO reported that ticket sales, to date, were low. It was agreed to advertise, again, on Facebook, social media, etc.</li> </ul>	SB
3b.	<b>Choir equipment storage/management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion took place on the storage of 2 x fold-up tables, metre-square stand, for future concerts, as well as the collection/delivery of the keyboard, stand and seat. RF advised that he would speak to Loddington Farm and also to his step-son regarding this matter.</li> </ul>	RF
4.	<b>Website</b>	
4a.	<b>Website Update</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TD advised that there had not been many ‘hits’ on our website. It was suggested to include our website address on future programmes/posters of events.</li> <li>• EO to send out website address via WhatsApp Group.</li> </ul>	EO
<b>5.</b>	<b>Finances</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB advised that to date we have £7,300 in the bank.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Social Committee Updates</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EO advised that a Bingo Night is to be arranged in Spring 2025.</li> <li>• Bake-Off – It was agreed that any future Bake-Off’s should be held after a concert, and possibly on a Saturday to ensure that time is not taken away from rehearsals.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Purchase of card reader</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB advised that he had purchased a card reader for use at all choir functions. This will be available and ready for use from Monday 18 November.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>One day workshop</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW had received an invitation to join a workshop on 28/29 June 2025. This will be sent out to choir members after Christmas for anyone interested.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Hall temperature</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW had written to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee regarding the variable temperature in the Hall. PW had recorded the temperature over a few weeks, and it now seems that the temperature is adequate during rehearsals.</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - Discussion took place on whether we increase our numbers to 65 and it was agreed, by the Committee, not to increase numbers at this stage.</li> <li>• LD to email all members to clarify any changes they have in the foreseeable future, as we can fill spaces from our waiting list of 12.</li> <li>• <b>14 December</b> – Loddington Farm Carols – RF to take charge of this event.</li> <li>• <b>4 January</b> - Wassail</li> <li>• <b>2 December</b> – To be a social evening. Social Committee to sort refreshments.</li> <li>• <b>9 December</b> – Carols on the Green. Suggested that Choir members meet at the Village Hall and all walk to the Green.</li> <li>• <b>16 December</b> – No choir rehearsal.</li> <li>• <b>Village Hall</b> – RF asked if the following could be raised at the next Committee Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lights in the car park</li> <li>b. Fire Assembly point sign.</li> <li>c. Gent’s cloakroom – light switch needs to be lower.</li> <li>d. Height of the defibrillator in the Village Hall.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>PW had notified the Village Hall Committee of the power cut.</p>	LD  RF  PW or Choir Rep

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DB asked if there could be more chocolate biscuits available for coffee/tea break!!</li><li>•</li></ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Friday 14 March 2024, 7pm, 6 Penny Close, Boughton Monchelsea.</b></li></ul>	