

FARINGDON SINGERS

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11 October 2018 7.45 pm at the United Church Hall

1. APOLOGIES – Alison Auger, Sarah Bradbury, Meg Greenwood, Karen Vogt, Sjoerd Vogt.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 12 October 2017 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(item 5 – Membership) The recruitment of 4 new members was reported.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (from Aileen Bridge)

Total income for the year was £2584.39. Aileen thanked Stella for the income from the sale of refreshments, which was £65.

Aileen reported a healthy bank balance, although total income was slightly less than last year. The main reason for this was the cost of new music.

All concert proceeds had been given away, a total of £1480.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (from Carl Oberman)

(summary - full details in file copy)

Membership had increased from 30 in the previous summer to 41 during the year. The singers sang the Introit (Psalm 121) for the funeral of John de Wit in July.

One of the Christmas concerts was cancelled because of heavy snow, but other engagements took place as planned. A varied and challenging choice of music this year ranged from Handel to Duruflé and Karl Jenkins, with Gilbert & Sullivan and Flanders & Horowitz in the summer term. The choir also sang an Evensong at Sparsholt in May. Roy Woodhams was our organist accompanist in March, and John Ridgway in December and for the Evensong. Terence accompanied the summer concerts himself while also conducting.

There were celebrations of Terence's 80th birthday at the end of the spring term concert, and of his 25 years as the Singers' Musical Director at the choir's supper party in July.

Carl thanked Janet and Carol for their work on library loans, and noted that nearly all solo parts this year had been sung by choir members. He thanked all Singers and committee members, and Terence for his unswerving dedication.

The Committee for 2018 -19 is:

Musical Director	Terence Carter
Chair	Carl Oberman
Treasurer	Carol Griffin
Secretary	<i>vacancy</i>
Music Adviser	Isabel Fisher
Minutes Secretary	Pam de Wit
Publicity	Karen Vogt
Choir Library	Richard Maw
Library Loans	Janet Sheil
Concert Planning	Maureen Pendlebury

5. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (from Terence Carter)

(summary - full details in file copy)

Terence described the choir's concerts in the past year, and thanked the choir for their gift to mark his 25 years as their Musical Director.

He mentioned appreciatively John de Wit's cello contributions, including the accompaniment to the Duruflé *Piè Jesu* in the spring concert, which was John's last occasion with us before his death in June.

Terence welcomed the recent new members of the choir, and encouraged everyone to attend regularly.

6. AOB

Nina raised the question of how many concerts we should offer at Christmas, suggesting there should be just one, and several other members supported this idea.

It was also mentioned that the Military College at Shrivenham has a church of St Alban on site, which might be a suitable concert venue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.