

Faringdon Singers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Meeting hosted by Karen and Sjoerd – 7 Leamington Drive, SN7 7JZ

1. **Present:** Clare, Karen, Sjoerd, Charlotte, Bran, Linda. **Apologies** – Ieuan, Carol, Alison.
2. **Previous Meeting notes & AGM – matters arising:** None
3. **Feedback – Summer Concert & Summer Social**

Clare expressed it was lovely to be at Fyfield and huge thanks to church and Sarah. We greatly appreciate the lengths they went to make it work for us and remove chairs etc. Roger was wonderful and was great to have him involved.

All felt it was very successful and cosy, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Sarah organized it all very well.

Very kind and positive feedback from the Fyfield church and we expect they would be happy to have us again.

All agree it was very kind of Lyn and David to host the Summer Social – all thought it was lovely and good format.

4. Finance

Warm welcome to Bran for taking over as treasurer.

Accounts Annual (dated 31st August) are with Jonathan to review.

£6,500 income and £5,000 expenditure for year end.

£4.3k in the bank.

Karen said it is good to have the monies in the bank if we need to get soloists. – and big thanks to Carol

Subscription – 25% of members have already paid for the winter term.

5. AGM

Thursday 9th October – Sjoerd will send the three reports out (MD, chair, treasurer) week before AGM – so that AGM itself is paperless. Summaries only at AGM.

6. Christmas Concert (s) – checklist

Blessed Hugh – Sunday 14th December

Clare advised there is no need for instrumentalists. Mostly organ or piano.

Sjoerd and Karen advised the organ will need to be tuned in Blessed Hugh.

Clare advised it will make a huge difference for Lawrence / Roger (Pianist not Organist) to come for 2 rehearsals (prior Thursdays).

Soloists internal

Clare suggested that we wear all black – will ask the men if they are happy to wear a black shirt – for winter and spring. We will suggest lighter attire for the summer concert.

7. Looking ahead 2026

Spring Concert – to contact and confirm with Juliet Moss – proposed date Sat 28th March in Uffington Church.

Clare feels we get a better audience on a Saturday - 28th March

Garden party – or river picnic for the social?

8. AOB:

Clare advised we should be paying royalties and has looked into this.

Some venues have their own PRS license eg. Blessed Hugh

Clare needs to declare what we have been using but doing this direct to PRS can be very cumbersome

A company called Making Music can do all of this for us for an annual subscription – we just submit what we've done to them, and they sort the rest.

Cost might be £50 / concert in Royalties – sent in arrears – they take a % of the audience figures, not ticket sales.

£117 / year for subscription.

We would also have access to music bank – borrowing music from other groups, just have to pay P&P and possibly admin fee for boxing up etc. We spent c£660 renting music last year. We don't have to upload ours, but we may feel we want to.

We would treat it as a fee we have to pay and not take it out of donations.

Making Music also offer insurance.

Linda to ask if Uffington Church has PRS. If so, we give the Church our programme, so they give that to PRS.

Action points –

Making Music could start in Jan – Clare will check with them if we have to pay as all our money goes to the charities.

Bran to check what our insurance covers us for. Bran thinks we may have just paid for the insurance in Aug – to Liaise with Clare on this to check what level of insurance we have / Making Music offer. Will find out from Carol.

Clare advised we will take a half term break this term.

Terence will be accompanying during the rehearsals this term.

Accompanist might charge £2.5k / year. Roger might be a possibility.

Thought of maybe a student – but the accompanist might then have to change each term / year.

No more AOB - Close 8.22pm