

## **CCC Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13 September 2022**

**Present: Marie Brewer, Adrian Davis, Jane Wilde, Mary Harris (on Zoom), Chris Sanders, Kate Goodwin**

### **Choir Membership**

Marie has written to all members of the choir to ascertain who will and will not be returning to choir this term. She now has a list of 54 active members, which she will circulate to the rest of the committee.

### **Christmas Concert**

We may need extra tenors and possibly a few extra first sopranos.

The church has been booked, but Mary will check the details with the new Parish Secretary, Robin McMurrin.

The rehearsal on Thursday 22 December will probably be in the church. Ideally, the staging and lighting would be set up in advance of this. Marie to discuss with Jeremy Biddle.

There will be a rehearsal on the morning of the concert at 11.00, leaving plenty of time for the choir to rest before the concert in the evening.

Adrian has booked Chris Foster (bass soloist) and Louise Turner (second soprano soloist) but needs to firm up the booking of Kathryn Jenkin, Phil Conway-Brown and Jeanette Ager.

There will be approx 26 members of the orchestra.

Jane to work on producing paper tickets and posters (featuring a Bach motif).

Ticket prices were agreed as: £18 in advance and £20 on the door.

Jane will liaise with Astrid/Brown & Merry re ticket sales through their office.

Programme: Jane to check with John Wignall as to whether he is prepared to take on the production of the programme. Adrian will write the programme notes and the poster will be used as the front cover. Jane will get the programme printed.

Front of House - Mary will be in charge of this and ensure there are sufficient SumUp machines etc. Marie will ask the choir for volunteers to help.

### **Choir Party and Farewell to Adrian**

This will be on 21 January 2023 in the Court House. Jean Green is in charge. Numbers might have to be limited so bookings will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

### **Financial Review**

Kate updated the meeting about the financial status of the choir. She will prepare a financial report for the AGM.

### **Subs**

Once we have a new conductor in place, our costs will rise dramatically. It was decided that subs for the coming year should be set at £180, but obviously these will have to be renewed once we know exactly how much our new musical director is going to cost.

### **Applications for New Musical Director**

We have had 4 applications so far. The deadline for applications is 30 September. The committee will meet shortly after the deadline to review the applications and decide on a shortlist and how to proceed with the process, which will almost certainly involve an audition of the three best candidates in which they take half a rehearsal.

### **Vision of the Choir for the Future**

It was agreed that this was a good moment for the choir to take stock. We should invite members to give their views of how they would like to see the choir developing in the future. Chris will devise a questionnaire for members to complete.

### **New Accompanist**

Jon Lee is moving after Christmas so we will need a new accompanist, although it is possible that the new Musical Director would fulfil this role too (as Adrian did for so many years). We should therefore put out feelers rather than advertise for a new accompanist at this point. Adrian to draft an advertisement in readiness.

### **AGM**

The date was set for Thursday 29 September (second half of rehearsal). Note: Adrian is likely to be absent on this date.

### **Charitable Status**

Chris agreed to look into this as a possible way forward for the choir.

### **Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The committee will meet on Saturday 1 October at 10.00 at Marie's house to review the applications for Musical Director.

Minutes taken by  
JW