

**ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Minutes**

**Present: Susan Elverson, Sue Foulkes, Judy Burt, Robin Sturdy, Gill Marsden, Sally Bye, Carolyn Robson and Rosie Ingrey**

**Tuesday 25 September 2012 8.00 pm  
72 The Butts, Alton GU34 1RD**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>	
1	Apologies	Freda Lemmon	
2	Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.	
3	Matters Arising	An email will be sent in the New Year concerning performing at Hinton Ampner in 2013	Sue
4	Correspondence	Ceilidh raised £61.03 from bucket collection. (Cheque has yet to be acknowledged from Air Ambulance.) Tesco Gift Voucher given for use at Ceilidh arrived well after the event. To be saved and used at the next appropriate event. Letter from Action Aid – Tomato is now too old to be sponsored by us so we will be offered someone else to support.	Gill to write our thanks
5	Charity Ceilidh	£778 to Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance. Food was good. Favourable feedback. Band was brilliant. Well done! 120 + felt crowded. Next time limit numbers to 100. Fundraising Ceilidh opportunities in the future? 2014?	
	New Year Ceilidh	New Year Ceilidh to be arranged for Monday 31st 2013, if hall is available.	Judy to book hall.
6	Proms in the Park	13 July 2013	
7	White Hart	No feedback from White Hart landlords. It is assumed that they were happy with it! General interest in carol singing around Alton's rest homes/community centres, finishing off at White Hart to celebrate the end of term on the last practice of the term, 20 <sup>th</sup> December. Orchard House, The Lawn, Brendon Care, The White Hart	Frieda to contact care homes re dates and times Sally to contact White Hart
8	Pertuis Visitors Ceilidh 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	About 30 minute slot. More details needed from Dom (timing, tickets, food etc)	Sue to put this on the register to get an idea of numbers
9	AGM 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Everyone is happy to stand again for the committee. Rosie to stand as Minutes Secretary Robin to publish accounts on email for members to download.	
10	November Carols Day Workshop 10 November 2012	Flyers to be printed and distributed to choirs involved ASAP. Flyers to be sent out to choir members for printing. Carolyn to cost flyers (approx £30) Risk assessment of venue to be done. Sally and Gill and Julia? Urns and thermal jugs to be sought and tested. Sally and Carolyn	Carolyn  Sally and Gill  Sally and Carolyn

		<p>Book hall from 8:30 – 5:30 (registration at 9:30)  Do we want a recording? Implications of testing electrical equipment and insurance.  Do we want readings for the final performance in the school hall?  Early bird ticket to stay at £25.  Lunch for tutors to be included in pricing up the day.  Alan to be contacted to price up cakes.  Judy happy to take on catering and invite people to help on her team.  A one-off meeting to be called nearer the time to finalise arrangements.</p>	<p>Sally  Judy</p>
11	<p>Christmas Lights  23rd November 2012</p>	<p>Confirmed (Sally to conduct).  Details not yet known but choir support seems strong.</p>	
12	<p>Winter Concert  1<sup>st</sup> December</p>	<p>CMR expenses to be paid.  Church to do refreshments.  Limit of 180 people (including performers) so early confirmation of attendance is important.  Poster to be created.  PowerPoint display to be created for the event.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
13	<p>Yuletide Festival  2<sup>nd</sup> December</p>	<p>No, thank you.</p>	
14	<p>Portugal Trip  May 2013</p>	<p>Concerns over numbers and booking travel arrangements.  24 people have sent deposit cheques in so far. Is 24 people too few for the trip to be a success? Dates, times and prices need to be reviewed to see if it is viable. Can we try again, not in school holiday time?  Week before Hampshire half term (May 2013) much cheaper and good times. Gatwick, BA.  Get feedback from choir at next practice.</p>	<p>Committee</p>
15	<p>Financial Report inc.  Charity Balance</p>	<p>£5374 pounds in the bank.  Last year £2452 raised for charity.  £429 Methodist Church  £532 Sing for your Life,  £1310 Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance  £180 Action Aid  Jolly good!  Year end accounts to be given by Robin at AGM next month.  Yearly subscription of £96 subs has left us with a surplus of £1274 . New rates seem to be working well.  Overall profit of £566  As of 1<sup>st</sup> September:  Tours Fund £271.45  Prison Outreach Fund £17:00  Charity Fund £0</p>	
16	<p>Musical Director's Fee</p>	<p>New fee of £100 to be proposed and agreed.</p>	
17	<p>Membership</p>	<p>Numbers have stayed the same:  Members: 65  Waiting list: 19  Weekly attendance 38-50</p>	
18	<p>Term Dates for 2012-13</p>	<p>Have been sent out.</p>	

		Carolyn unable to do last practice in July so finish on 11 <sup>th</sup> July.	
19	AOB	Diary date: 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2013, high summer “do” (Judy) Another CD to be made? RNLI concert on the horizon? March 2012? Charities for the coming year to be proposed at AGM. Ask the choir for ideas.	Carolyn  Committee
20	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2013, 8pm Gill’s House, 1A Upper Neatham, Mill Lane, Holybourne, GU34 4EP	