

CHAIR'S REPORT, ALTON COMMUNITY CHOIR, October 2017 – November 2018

The year started with a full on Christmas Programme – starting with our usual concert at the Methodist Church. This was well attended and the combination of readings and songs was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Barbara and Carolyn for researching the materials and putting it all together. The following day we moved swiftly on to Selborne to do a performance at Gilbert White's House. Very nice mince pies and mulled wine! Then to Farnham Methodist Church Hall and our concert in aid of Chiks. And finally the end of term saw us entertaining Orchard House residents before an enjoyable sing in The Crown

After Christmas we focussed on a programme for our concert with Basingstoke Male Voice Choir and our proposed trip to Brittany. Unfortunately due to bad weather (snow!) the Basingstoke concert was cancelled – fortunately the Brittany trip wasn't!

But before our trip abroad we had two other outings – one to Brendon Care where we sang to a small but enthusiastic audience – including the UK's oldest man – Bob Weighton. The other to Oakhanger Village May Fayre which was a lovely event but our performance was rather diminished by the Steam Engines and really poor acoustics which meant that most people couldn't hear us!

I'm sure everyone will agree that our trip to Brittany was brilliant – the hospitality shown to us by Julian and his friends was just amazing and we sang in a variety of memorable places. We also imbibed a variety of local beverages – well it's only polite, and did some local dancing – not sure if the wine enhanced or diminished the performance!

August as usual brought a lovely relaxing time at Judy's house – no pressure, no audience – just a chance to have a sing.

Finally our concert with Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir – confusingly not the one that was cancelled earlier. It was a very well received concert and we made a very respectable contribution to the Ark Cancer Funds

And, finally some thank yous to people who do a little bit extra to keep the choir moving along-

to Julia and Christina for continuing the pre rehearsal welcome sessions and for organising several after choir get togethers, which are proving very popular

to Denise for running the raffle, and to John and helpers who move the furniture around for us every Thursday.

to Debbie for setting up the ACC Facebook page and helping with the Website

to the Committee for all the work they do over the year

and finally to Carolyn who continues to cajole, flatter and sometimes boss us into shape.

And another finally! Thanks to you all for turning up every week and having a good sing. Here's to another great year.

Ann Foulkes Chair