



**Committee Meeting Minutes: Tuesday 21st October, 8pm
Meeting Room South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall**

Time		Action
8-00	1. Apologies for absence: PW, KM	
8-02	2. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted with no amendments	
8-05	3. Actions : RS is still investigating the Museum of Power opportunity JTW reported a new top tenor was keen to join but was too busy at work at present. There was no response from the Baratone IL has compiled a list of members and their numbers and will circulate JTW to design new recruitment poster / leaflet, awaiting outcome of meeting of sponsor and Haydn. HP to arrange for new photo from sponsor for advertising JTW to reported that at present there is no obvious solution to getting a timer on tracks on the website RS to supply completed treasurers job description to secretary RS has not yet resolved the issue of purchased email addresses JTW reported that he will be placing copies of Lachlan's sign on sheets on to the website to record intention to attend. JTW reported the minutes are now on website	RS JTW IL JTW/ HP RS RS JTW

8-20	4. Concerts 22nd & 30th Nov concerts each have 19 choir members confirmed. A query re P.A. System at Racecourse to be confirmed. 6th Dec LM advised some concern at present re lack of Bass 20th Dec Cathedral Concert. This will be purely Acoustic. CG to circulate details re acquiring tickets Plan for next concert: all aspects including choir promotion <i>22nd Nov - SWF lights switch on</i> <i>30th Nov - Helen Rollason Cancer Charity @ Chelmsford Racecourse</i> <i>6th Dec - St Andrews Wickford - afternoon concert</i> <i>20th Dec - Lennox Charity Christmas Concert, Chelmsford Cathedral</i> <i>2026 plans:</i> <i>March 21st: Burnham on Crouch confirmed</i> <i>April, 24th Joint concert with Chelmsford MVC, Salvation Army Hall. CMVC have agreed money raised will go to Men2Sing. Salvation Army will advertise and sell tickets to the concert in return Lachlan is going to offer them a 50% share of ticket sales after we have taken £500 to cover our costs.</i> <i>May, No concerts planned, JTW away. Clare being approached regarding rehearsals</i> <i>June, ?Choir blast and Hurdlemakers Arms</i> <i>July, ?Purleigh Church</i> <i>August ?Museum of Power</i> <i>September ?Mirren Theatre</i> <i>October 2nd SWF Beer Festival</i> <i>October 3rd Blackmore Church Harvest Festival ? Cancelled</i> <i>October 17th SWF VH ?</i> <i>2027 plans</i> <i>12th March Lunchtime concert, St. John's Danbury</i>	JTW
8-40	5. Music Report JTW advised that new members are doing well & working hard to get the repertoire under their belts. He emphasised that everyone needs to be committed both to rehearsals & concerts. A standard paragraph will be included in Lach's regular emails to members re concert participation. Christmas songs going well but important to also maintain all other pieces. 7th Nov 2025 rehearsal to be cancelled Choir to finish 15th Dec for Christmas break	
8-50	6. Financial Update RS previously circulated latest figures. No questions on the Summary Sheets. RS advised likely balance at end of year around £500 in credit. The management of the COIFF A/C to be investigated to ensure security of investment	RS

9-00	7. Website Now up to date with an “Easy Fundraising” button for donations now available. Past minutes now on Website	
9-10	8. Social Media and Publicity Activity a little erratic but in future will be focussed on forthcoming concerts	
9-20	9. Social IL expressed disappointment at poor attendance at Quiz Night. After discussion it was decided that all future events will need confirmation of attendance by individuals plus where appropriate, money “up front”. Christmas Meal booked with Kevin having achieved a high turnout of the membership for this event Possible trip to Choir of Man (Southend) to be circulated by CG. Maldon Ghost trip: Kevin has previously intimated he may be willing to organise this. If not, CG confirmed he would be willing but would liaise with Kevin Race night : Apparently New member Steve has considerable fundraising experience incl. with Race Evenings. He will be approached by JTW to see if he would be willing to assist. Haydn volunteered to resurrect the Annual Dinner with wives	
9-40	9. Membership It was agreed that new handbills needed to be printed and that it should be automatic for Banners / handbills/ Business cards to be available for promotional purposes at all concerts & sing outs where allowed. Brian Adams has volunteered his services re transporting the banners if necessary. Haydn to commence a campaign of “keeping in touch” with old & sick members. It was agreed that “Actions for recruitment” should be a permanent addition to Committee Meetings. Meeting closed 9-52pm	
	10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th November, 2025	