



**Committee Meeting Agenda: Tuesday 20th January, 8pm
Meeting Room South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall**

Time		Action
	Present IL, PW, LM, JTW, RS, KM, HP	
8-00	1. Apologies for absence: CG	
8-02	2. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted	
8-05	3. Actions : RS updated us on Museum of Power opportunity, he expects to be provided with the dates they need music next week IL to provide list of members / numbers for 100 club to PW for circulation JTW had arranged for material from our sponsor incorporation into a new recruitment flyer, the sponsor's information will be on the reverse. The design was approved and JTW will ask for 500 copies of A5 size. Will also try to get some A4 size for posters. There was discussion about the logo which had upper case letters, while our branded name has lower case letters. For further investigation. JTW has put sign on sheets on website under a Concert Attendance tab in the Members area. CG reported that Danbury Mission do not wish us to sing there. LM confirmed the logistics for Salvation Army Concert, CMVC will be on stage, we will walk on and sing from centre stage but not sit on it and the Salvation Army band will sit on the left. JTW confirmed date for Billericay Theatre Concert, September 25th	RS IL JTW JTW

8-20	4. Concerts Plan for next concert: all aspects including choir promotion <i>March 21st Burnham on Crouch</i> LM is awaiting a final confirmation email, confusion re start time to be elucidated. <i>April 17th Chelmsford Cathedral</i> <i>April, 24th Joint concert with Chelmsford MVC, Salvation Army Hall</i> Tickets now on sale, LM will circulate email with details how to purchase <i>May, No concerts planned, JTW away</i> <i>June 13th Choirblast, in Godalming.</i> The video and photograph of the choir for the advertising were selected, LM will forward to the organisers. We agreed we would opt into the evening concert. HP is approaching coach companies for a quote for a 40 seater coach and will ask sponsor if he will contribute to the costs. Partners may travel on the coach. <i>June Hurdlemakers Arms Beer Festival</i> Expected to be the 26th <i>July, Purleigh Church</i> is off. HP investigating possible alternative venue at Laindon Community Centre, 11th or 18th are possible for us. <i>August ?Museum of Power</i> <i>September 25th Billericay Theatre,</i> No accompanist. Sponsor is covering the costs of this if we make a loss. <i>October 2nd SWF Beer Festival</i> <i>October Blackmore Church Harvest Festival, date/ invite uncertain</i> <i>October 17th SWF VH ?go ahead with this.</i> May also do a joint concert with New City Voices, ?date Lennox have indicated they would be interested in us attending their Christmas concert again next year. The long day and only singing three songs were cited as negatives. Canvas opinion of choir members. JTW said we should arrange some sing outs. The cost to the choir of sing outs was discussed and RS suggested that three would be an acceptable number. We will Investigate Farleigh Hospice, Lennox and John Lewis in Chelmsford. <i>2027 plans</i> <i>12th March Lunchtime concert, St. John's Danbury</i>	LM LM LM HP IL HP JTW PW LM JTW
8-35	5. Music Report JTW reported that we are singing better in rehearsals and that Anthem is coming along well. He is having software compatibility problems with eh track and this has delayed the arrival of the practice track. JTW explained that the sheet music we have bought is ours to perform whether he is involved or not. He also said the tracks he has done for the songs are not ours but he would have no objection to us using them free of charge if he leaves the choir. We are responsible for PRS fees where appropriate.	JTW

8-45	6. Financial Update. - Review of finances over 2025 revealed we had made a small surplus of £263.85 - Review remuneration for MD and Accompanists will be done once we have decided what we will do with our subs in 2026. It was agreed an increase in line with inflation would be appropriate but since this comes to £1.19 (inflation currently 3.4%) RS not keen on such an awkward number. He will come back with proposals next meeting - Reports were circulated by RS before the meeting.	RS
8-55	7. Actions for Recruitment Joint concerts with schools for discussion, KM had an update, he had contacted two schools and received a reply from Eversley Primary in Piste. Some doubt was expressed about the viability of partnering with a primary school, we had envisaged secondary schools when the idea was first floated. PW to contact them to discuss logistics.	PW
9-00	8. Website This was very briefly discussed and it was agreed no action was needed.	
9-10	9. Social Media and Publicity Chloe has not put anything on line for several weeks, John will do some posts using old material	JTW
9-20	10. Social Possible Annual Dinner with wives in February was discussed. This is under review as the cost was considered a possible barrier to some choir members Dates for regular social events - pool 11th or 18th March, quiz several dates in May were discussed, 9th, 16th or 25th, none were uniformly acceptable, 16th may be favourite. Boat trip from Paper Mill Lock ?June, HP investigating BBQ ?August , PW to ask Jason if he would consider hosting again. Maldon Ghost Walk in 2026. £10 per head, no dates available in 2026	HP KM HP PW
9-40	11. Membership	

9-50	12. AOB We need to set an AGM date at next meeting JTW asked if we would be interested in a joint venture with a producer who has been involved with the choir before. It involves a theatre show base don the Peaky Blinders, we would have to dress in their style and sing some of our repertoire on stage with other professional performers also bing involved. LM and JTW to meet with him to learn more. HP is producing a form for people to order their own shirts. Meeting closed 22:02	PW JTW / LM HP
	13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th February, 2026	