

Wycliffe Choral Society Committee Meeting
Friday 20th October 2023 at 7.30pm
At Old Church House, Selsley West

Attendees: Nigel Baldwin (NB, Chairman), Rosemary Robinson (RR), Chris Swain (CS), John Cooper (JC), Colin Rudall (CR)

Apologies: Geoff Hudson (GH) Gill Martin (GM), Sharon Brown (SB) Katie Poole (KP)

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** The minutes of the meeting of 22nd August 2023 were approved.

2. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

3. **Musical Director's Report:**

3.1 All is prepared for the Chapel concert including the tickets, posters, orchestra and soloists. CS and NB will ensure that press releases will go to local print media.

3.2 The Painswick concert will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 9th December. James will play the organ and Peter Holmes has sourced soloists and a trumpeter. It will be part of the 'Raise the Roof' campaign for Painswick church and the proceeds will be split. Tickets are £10 and will be sold by a member of the Painswick congregation, with the mission and outreach committee providing mince pies and mulled wine. CS will produce a simplified programme.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

4.1 JC circulated the PNL accounts shortly before the meeting, which shows that we are still in a precarious financial situation. It was agreed that further requests for donations will be made after the Christmas break when we know what money was made on the concerts. Previous donors will be asked if they wish to continue their support.

4.2

WCS Bank Balances	At 22/10/2023			
<i>Account</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Banks</i>	<i>Deposit funds</i>
CAF Cash	19/10/2023	£4,420.13	£4,420.13	
CAF Gold	26/09/2023	£630.35	£630.35	
Lloyds Current	17/07/2023	£50.00	£50.00	
ECPFC (formerly ADF)	30/06/2023	£4,123.07		£4,123.07
COIF	30/09/2023	£1,097.05		£1,097.05
Totals		£10,320.60	£5,100.48	£5,220.12

5. Concert Preparation:

- 5.1** NB led us through the concert preparation list.
- 5.2** Posters and tickets will be circulated this week, and email posters will be sent out with the next newsletter and circulated to other choirs.
- 5.3** The poster will be put on our Facebook page and choir members will be asked to share on social media.
- 5.4** We have some advertisements already and await replies from other local businesses. As the printing bill is around £400 the adverts are unlikely to cover this entirely.
- 5.5** CR handed tickets to NB for the Subscription Rooms and RR for the CCT Bookshop.
- 5.6** RR will investigate the possibility of having a card reader available to take ticket payments at the concert and at rehearsals.

6. Resignation of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

- 6.1** it was agreed that our best way of recruiting more committee members is to approach people personally.
- 6.2** The key post is treasurer and it is imperative that we find someone quickly. JC is happy to help them to settle into the role to ensure a smooth handover of finances.

7. Website

- 7.1** JC has updated the website domain to one based in UK and less expensive. There should be no difference to the running and accessibility of the website. There will be two domain names: Wycliffechoralsociety.org.uk and wycliffechoral.org.uk which will both link to the same site. The cost is £7.50pa for the second domain name. JC is happy to provide ongoing technical support in the running of the site.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday 25th January 2024, venue tbc