

## NEW DIMENSION CHOIR

### Minutes of Committee Meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

The meeting was opened by our Chairperson, Jackie Gledenning who thanked Carol and Barbara for taking over Treasurer and Secretary's posts.

Also present were Wendy White, Enid Weaver, Clare Goldspink. John Pugh, Barbara Austin

Apologies from Carol Chester

**Wendy** explained that in future she was having to pay FEDEX charges on top of music invoices as they were no longer included in the cost. After having some difficulty obtaining the backing CD for 'Carol of the Bagpipes' she has now ordered 'Xmas Pipes' instead, which means she has now ordered all the music for our Christmas concerts which should all be delivered by the end of this week. We have approx. 8 new pieces to learn but some are in the big book we already have.

**John** has already designed and printed our wonderful Summer Concert Flyers. It was requested by the rest of the committee that as Geoff Cooper was leaving the choir John would take over the role of MC, and he has agreed. John has offered to take Enid's conducting stand to each of the concerts.

[John to look into availability for an extra Sunday rehearsal prior to the Xmas Concerts on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2-4 pm](#)

**Enid** feels that although there is still a lot of work to be done for the Summer Concerts, as there are some difficult pieces, we are progressing well and about half way through. [Enid will decide on which parts of The Sound of Music the audience can participate in.](#)

There are more high notes for Sopranos in this programme than we have had in a while and it was recommended that practice with the tapes during the week will not only help learn the pieces but also help with the higher notes.

**Barbara** has been contacted by Paul Kelly with a draft of the Havering Arts Festival Brochure to which she has made the relevant amendments and returned. John had previously provided a photograph of the choir to Paul which will be shown as part of an advert for New Dimension Choir Summer Concerts in the brochure.

[Barbara to ask Paul Kelly when they are planning to do the leaflet drop for their brochure so that Clare can take our Summer Concert flyers to be added.](#)

Our Christmas Concert dates have all been finalised as follows:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – United Reformed Church Romford

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – All Saints

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Harold Wood Methodist

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – St. Chads.

As Cheryl previously mentioned 3 of our venues no longer take Friday bookings so we hope that a Saturday/Sunday and a Friday/Saturday mix will suit everyone.

We have a good number of people confirmed for Tea Island night out 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
[Barbara is waiting to hear from the venue re singer, then she will collect money.](#)

## **AOB**

As usual we will close for one Tuesday over the Easter Holidays. This will be 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We will still rehearse on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Cherish Wooton suggested we could dedicate a song to Jodie Chesney (the murdered teenager) at our Summer Concert as she was a student and lived in Havering. The committee thought this a nice idea and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was suggested.

[John is going to get in touch with Jodie's family to let them know and get their approval.](#)

It has been noted by several members that they would like a change of venue for our social events. Top Meadow has already been booked for July 16<sup>th</sup> but we will look into other possible venues for our Christmas Meal. It had been requested by a couple of members to have our meal in January, and possibly in the daytime, but the committee felt it is nicer to have before Christmas plus it gives Wendy another date for people to return their music before the end of the year.

Our previous Christmas Venue Quarles may be closed by Christmas, The Cranleigh and Shelleys (previously known as the Village in Hornchurch) were mentioned as possible alternative venues. We thought that the Cranleigh may be too expensive but [Barbara will look into these and possible other options. She will also look into a possible afternoon tea at Feta Lounge in Upminster as a change to Marygreen Manor.](#)

[Barbara to check with Carol/Geoff Cooper when we need to give final numbers/money to Top Meadow which is already booked for 16<sup>th</sup> July.](#)

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson

The next committee meeting is scheduled for

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm

at Barbara's 133 Hillcrest Road, Hornchurch, RM11 1EE