

NEW DIMENSION COMMITTEE MEETING

13TH November 2019

Those Present: Jackie Glendenning, Wendy White, Carol Chester, Barbara Austin, Clare Goldspink, John Pugh and Enid Weaver

Jackie welcomed the committee. Previous minutes were passed with no outstanding issues. Jackie will discuss concert etiquette with members the week before our Xmas concerts, but will confirm dress code next week, particularly for new members.

Dress code

Ladies... Black or Red (no pattern) but can be dress, trousers or skirt and top), with sparkly jewellery.

Men ... black suit, black shirt, red bow tie and red hankie. John to check all men have red tie and hankie.

All members to line up before 1st and 2nd half.

TAKE BOTH BLACK FOLDERS, AND CAROL BOOK IN TO FIRST HALF AND LEAVE UNDER CHAIR.

No other bags/coats etc to be left on stage.

Sunday Rehearsal before concert. Enid has agreed we shouldn't need the piano at this stage so we will just work with our backing music. John has asked Sue Collier to work the ipod at this rehearsal in his absence.

Clare will not be at the Sunday rehearsal and as usual we would ask members to bring their own refreshments for the break. Barbara to remind members of this

Carol to give Barbara the keys to the Hall next Tuesday and show her the locks and lights ready for Sunday rehearsal.

Barbara will arrive at 1.30 Sunday to open up and set up chairs with anyone else who is there.

We had previously been offered the use of an extra cupboard at the Family centre where we rehearse which we hoped to store some music in. Wendy pointed out however, that the cupboard is not large enough to benefit storing any music at this point, although we have been able to make use of it to store the base of Enid's stand.

It was noted that some members were very close to radiators during rehearsals. Although it is difficult to get the temperature right for all members, we will attempt to rearrange the small tables to the side to give a walkway either side of the choir. Unfortunately, we don't have room to split into an extra line. However, when we start back in January, we will be set up the other way around with men on the raised area which gives us more room.

TOP MEADOW XMAS EVENING OUT – 18th December

We have 22 members coming. Everyone has given their menu choices and paid and **Carol will pay the venue this week**. We have been asked to take our seats by 8.0 pm **Barbara to remind members of the timing**.

We need to find a new independent accountant who will audit our books. **Carol is in discussion with a possible accountant She will check previous accounts to see what we previously paid and will let us know the fees in due course**. We currently have approx. £4,500 in the bank and obviously this will rise with concert ticket sales.

RETURNING MUSIC AFTER CONCERTS

Wendy will be at the family centre on Tuesday 10th December 7 -7.30pm

Alternatively, you can return at the Meal at Top Meadow on 18th. **Wendy will also send out her address for anyone who wishes to return music directly to her**.

As always please make sure all pencil markings are rubbed out.

Wendy pointed out that we currently have places for 4 more members (including one place held for a male voice). Enid would have the final say as to which part of the choir any new member would sit and if there wasn't a suitable position Barbara holds a waiting list. No potential members waiting at present.

Barbara will send an email to all members listing helpers and information for all Xmas concerts. She will continue to take names of any concert that members cannot attend and **Enid will create a seating plan** closer to the concerts which will be given to helpers on the day of the concerts.

Clare will supply a float from the pre-sale tickets to be given to Concert helpers on the night. We will also supply a container for the money.

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY 2020

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 7th January

Choir return Tuesday 14th January

AGM Tuesday 4TH February (approx. half hour and then we continue with rehearsal)

SUMMER SOCIAL Tuesday 14th July At Top Meadow with same format as this year. Harvey to sing with members having the opportunity to sing 1-2 songs using their own backing music.

SUMMER CONCERTS. Dates suggested but not booked

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June

Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th July

JOHN'S VIDEO OF ND AT WORK AND PLAY

Congratulations were again given to John for his creative video of ND singing Do you Hear What I hear whilst showing a variety of photos both from concerts, rehearsals and socialising. Barbara had sent the video link to the Churches holding our Christmas concerts in case it could be of use to advertise concerts, and St Chads and All Saints thanked her and said they could definitely use them. We were delighted, if not surprised to hear that the Vicar at All Saints had played the video footage to the congregation. Hopefully this may increase ticket sales and possibly encourage people to join us.

TICKET SALES

Clare has made her usual flier drop. Although ticket sales before the day are down this is expected, as majority of people buy on the door.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

At Carols – 35 Helmsdale Road RM1 4DW Tuesday 7th January 2020