

Poringland Singers Newsletter

Hi All,

We have held two committee meetings since Ian Kennedy became chairman, following our AGM in September and this newsletter is a résumé of topics discussed.

The last meeting was on 26th January, your committee is now: Ian (K) (Chairman), Nita (Secretary), John Westwood (Treasurer), Ian (E) (MD). You part reps. are Hazel (Soprano), Debbie (Alto), Chris Clifford (Tenor), Jon Brompton (Bass).

Our new publicity reps. are Sue Allerton and Steve Mortlock and our Librarian is Marian Fox. Chis Clifford, as well as being the tenor rep, doubles as our social committee chair.

Now regarding finances, our esteemed treasurer, John W, complimented the choir membership, for their response to the request for donations, enabling us to repay an outstanding loan, to our previous chairman Trevor. Our finances look a lot healthier now.

St. Peter Mancroft Christmas Concert 10.12.16. Ian E voiced a little concern that the choir did not sell enough tickets to make it as successful as hoped. He made a suggestion that we consider handing the responsibility for this event to the Norwich Blackfriars Rotary Club, with us and Queens Hill Primary being participants. The committee agreed this was a good idea. On a positive note, the choir received some excellent comments from critics about the concert, and were impressed with CLIC Sergeant. So, although it may have felt a little 'chaotic' by some of us during our staging, it certainly wasn't apparent to the audience. So, a pat on the back for the everyone's ability to 'go with the flow'. Last but not least, thanks to the people who assisted both in the morning, to set the stage, then after the concert, to restore it.

Loddon Victorian Christmas 2.12.16. We have attended this event for a couple of years or so, singing carols around the village, and calling in to one or two 'hostelries'. Not as chilly as years past, but not exactly balmy. (The weather not the choir!) We were very ably led by our assistant M.D., Carrie.

Long Stratton Christmas Concert 4.12.16. Our first visit to this venue, which received very favorable plaudits, not least from a former long standing and valuable member of the Poringland Singers, David Catchpole.

Christmas Bash 15.12.16. This was held at the George and Dragon, Thurton, a little different than previous years. We didn't sing carols to an indifferent audience, but sang Karaoke to please ourselves. A very pleasant evening. The hamper(s) raffle draw, organised by Steve M also took place. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who donated goodies to the hampers. The proceeds going to charity.

Forthcoming events include a summer concert on 15.7. 17, at Holy Trinity church, Loddon, followed by our summer bash, hopefully at the White Horse, Chedgrave.

Finally, don't forget to download the fridge magnet list for your choir dates this term, and check the site for updates and music to be downloaded/printed.

Our next committee meeting is on 4th May 2017, so if you want to raise anything, either to go on the agenda or general comment let Nita, Ian K or your reps. know. P.S. On the subject of Nita, she is standing down as the choir's secretary at our next A.G.M. She has been a superb servant to the choir for a long time, but feels some 'new blood' is needed. She will be a hard act to follow, but feel sure that there is someone amongst our number who will fit the bill.

Ian K

Ian E

Chairman

Musical Director