

IPSWICH HOSPITAL COMMUNITY CHOIR - COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30PM ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

MINUTES

VENUE: PHIL'S HOUSE

NUMBER	ITEM	OWNER
1.	Minutes of the last meeting (12th April 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes were approved.• Matters Arising It was decided that no further contact would be made with St George's House unless they approach us.	
2.	Membership/Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance statistics NC presented a document showing attendance at rehearsals. Attendance is generally good. Individual cases where attendance is not good were discussed. There was no data for performance attendance.• GDPR privacy policy IHCC will hold members' email addresses and mobile numbers. This information will not be shared or used except for choir communications.	PR
3.	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Statement of Income and Expenditure was presented and discussed. The statement showed an increased profit this year although there was no expenditure on travel costs. In the light of this, the membership fee will be reviewed at the next meeting.	
4.	Formal gigs and events Past events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/6 Fiona and Norman – wedding This was a very special event as we were personally involved. Our performance was well received by the wedding guests. FH thanked us for being part of her special day.• 9/6 Jo- wedding The bride was very happy with our performance and the vicar complimented us.• 1/7 Ipswich Music Day This year's venue was much better than previous ones. The acoustics added to a brilliant performance of the Hallelujah chorus which everyone agreed was an uplifting experience. The performance area was small for a choir of our size, so we may consider a four or five row formation if we are invited to use the venue in the future. AH noted that if a piece is not fully familiar to the members, careful	

	<p>consideration would be given to its use in performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/7 Booth Court This choir performed well and the residents were very appreciative. • 25/8 SoundCure Hog Roast This event was a success raising a significant amount for the SoundCure charity. Reviewing our singing from a video taken on the evening, it was noted that our performance did not sound as well balanced as usual. Reasons offered for this were the fact that the phone footage was taken from one side, there was a reduced number in some sections and also this was a social event. 	
	<p>Future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailmakers Christmas shopping Our preferred time slots would be 6.30 – 7 and 7.30 -8 on Thursday 13th December. Now confirmed. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/12 Concert with St Peter’s band NC has the musical director’s details and will make contact suggesting that we will accompany some carols and perform some numbers on our own. 	NC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/12 Hospice Remembrance Service 4pm This will be an afternoon service which will also feature a children’s choir (and a donkey!) We will sing four songs. Members’ availability needs to be sought through Doodle. • The Dove It was suggested that we could sing in the Dove to raise money for charity. This could possibly take place early evening on 19th December. Now confirmed with the time slots of 7 – 7.30 and 8 – 8.30pm. • Cornhill Performance in 2019 We may have the opportunity to perform on the Cornhill in the new year. FH and AH are to meet with the council representative. • Our own concert The possibility of arranging our own concert is to be deferred for consideration at future meetings. 	FH PR FH AH
5.	<p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – update on progress Progress is being made on this but it is to be noted that PR has many other calls on his time. To complete this task PR has asked for a data freeze on new material which means that the original website will not added to from today. Communication with members regarding such matters as new scores will, as a result, take place by email this term. The committee will test drive the new website such that PR can troubleshoot any problems. The revised target is for the new website to be open to the membership on 1st January 2019. AH will choose the photos to be included on the site. PR will introduce the committee to Wordpress on 29/10 at 7pm to enable members of the committee to add items to our own sections of the new website. 	PR AH PR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter The Twitter photo needs to be updated. 	
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choirmaster's Report AH presented a written report which covered repertoire, rehearsals and new events. It was agreed that sections learning their own parts, as separate groups, accelerated the pace of learning and that this method will continue. We will continue to cover old material for part of each rehearsal, to help recent joiners, as well as learning new material. Doodles for new events will be raised by FH and NC for this term. Next year it is expected that member availability for events will be recorded via the new website. 	AH FH NC
7.	<p>Section Rep Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sopranos The sopranos are all happy. An enquiry was made about the progress of the TV themes medley that was mooted to the choir recently. It was thought that this would be fun to sing and would go down well at certain events. AH said that this was on the back burner for now. • Altos A comment was made suggesting that there were too many a cappella pieces although Human is going down well. A balance of new and old material is appreciated. A catalogue of songs that are easily found would be useful – this will be part of the new website. Prior warning of what is to be covered each week was requested. AH will do this when he can but needs to maintain flexibility during rehearsals. Members would like to feed back to the committee after events - reps to consider sending out post performance emails at the end of the month. New members have settled in very well. • Tenors No feedback. • Basses Some basses are finding it difficult to hear during rehearsals due to talking in the rows in front. It was suggested that members should be reminded about the arrangements regarding the benefit of being able to park in the hospital grounds for free – we must use the area near the nursery so that hospital visitors can use the spaces closer to the main door. 	

8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire procedure IF will provide an opportunity for members to hear the alarm and will explain the evacuation procedure. 	IF
9.	<p>Social events Past events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex and Julie anniversary party This was a very enjoyable event and it was a privilege to deliver our newly learned song as a surprise for Julie. This song will 	

	<p>now be added to our repertoire</p> <p>Future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karaoke evening The equipment for this event has been successfully tested. 	
10.	<p>Future Purchases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amplifiers/ sound system The pros and cons were discussed. Sufficient funds at the moment would make purchasing our own system possible and it was agreed that it would add to the professionalism of our performances. NC noted that he already has speaker stands that the choir could use. Consideration would need to be given to storage and who would have the responsibility for transporting the equipment to performance venues. More research will need to be done to ensure that the system purchased would best meet the choir's needs. • Performance folders An advantage is that a standard format would improve the visual impact of the choir especially if we included our logo on the front. A disadvantage is that all of our music is currently in A4 format with personal annotations by each member which may not suit the style of folder. Further research is to be done. 	<p>NC PR</p> <p>NC</p>
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranelagh Road folk song AH will send the song to committee members for consideration. If it is agreed that we will learn it, this will be after Christmas. 	AH
12.	<p>Meeting dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and time of next meeting The next meeting will be at 7.30pm at 39c Bucklesham Road on 18th December. 	