

## **Ipswich Hospital Community Choir**

### **Annual Report 2019**

The choir management committee are pleased to present below their annual report for 2019.

#### **Management and Operations**

The Committee met for three meetings during 2019, with the approved minutes available on the choir website in the members area.

2019 saw further changes with Alex Howell's departure as Choirmaster in June, as Nick Coleman returned from his studies. Alex completed nearly two years in the role and the choir committee and membership were extremely grateful and thanked him for his commitment and teaching during that time. We were pleased to welcome Nick back as our Choirmaster and Musical Director, following the successful completion of his Masters at Trinity Laban. He returned to his previous role with renewed energy and enthusiasm which has been appreciated by all.

Nick now undertakes a paid role as Choirmaster, and the committee therefore accepted his resignation as Chair and Treasurer of the committee. Elections took place for these roles in June 2019, along with re-election for the roles of Soprano and Alto rep. Fiona Hamilton was elected as Chair, and re-elected as Alto rep. Ian Floodgate was elected as Treasurer and Alix Vince was re-elected as Soprano rep. Nick was invited to join the committee at their meetings to present information regarding his Musical Director role, but no longer has any voting rights.

#### **IHCC Website**

The IHCC website continues to be developed and expanded, with additional functions being overseen by Phil Riches. Feedback from the membership during 2019 indicated a high level of satisfaction with the layout and accessibility of the new website. On behalf of all the choir membership, the committee expressed its thanks to Phil for all his hard work and dedication in setting up the new website.

#### **Concerts and Performances**

The choir had another busy year, taking part in a range of performances including Ipswich Music Day, Jess Fest, the Christmas Concert at St Peter's and the Hospice Remembrance Service. Less formal events included the Dove summer BBQ, singing for residents at Booth Court, entertaining the shoppers at a Christmas shopping and Pamper evening and singing carols at the hospital Volunteers party. One of the highlights of the year was taking part in the RNLI Naming ceremony for a lifeboat commissioned by Fred Olsen. Alex Howell wrote a special song for the choir to perform, Take Pride; this is a moving song which captures the dedication of the work of the RNLI, and was appreciated by the organisers and audience at the ceremony.

#### **Finances**

The choir committee presents below the accounts for the year, in the format of a Summary of Income and Expenditure and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The results demonstrate a well-managed and strong financial position, with the surplus for the year of £998 being transferred to reserves. This ongoing prudent financial management means that the reserves provide the choir with headroom for any future unexpected expenditure. These funds would be available if required to subsidise future performance travel costs and maintain and upgrade rehearsal and performance equipment, as well as ensuring we can secure technical and musical personnel of a calibre appropriate to the choir's current standing. Of note is that our performance earnings and member contributions have resulted in a charity donation amount of £427 that is accrued in the accounts. This is lower than previous years due to the mix of concerts during 2019, with fewer care home visits and more performances at events supporting other charities. In addition, the accounts include a gift of £200 paid to the charity SoundCure in recognition of Alex Howell's services as Choirmaster over the previous two years. The balance sheet at the end of 2019 includes £405 of choir uniform stock, and a creditor for £450 of Choirmaster fees charged in the Statement of Income and Expenditure in 2019, but paid in early 2020.

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Profit And Loss Account / Balance Sheet  
31st December 2019

Statement Of Income And Expenditure 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>		
- Voluntary Choir Subscriptions Received	0.00	0.00
- Member Subscriptions	5,244.50	5,740.50
- Charitable Donations	276.13	500.00
- Contributions To Costs	587.45	1,604.83
- File deposits / printing	0.00	0.00
	6,108.08	7,845.33
<b>Expenditure</b>		
- Choirmaster's Fees	(3,732.50)	(2,675.00)
- Stationery	0.00	0.00
- Subscriptions	0.00	(25.00)
- IT Costs	(151.71)	(66.99)
- Equipment / Uniform	(464.48)	(2,134.09)
- Insurance	(132.00)	(132.00)
- Charitable Donation	(427.33)	(813.64)
- Gifts	(200.00)	0.00
- Competition Costs	0.00	0.00
- Travel Costs	(2.24)	0.00
	(5,110.26)	(5,846.72)
<b>Net Income / Expenditure For The Period Transferred To Reserves</b>	997.82	1,998.61
<b>Statement Of Assets And Liabilities As At 31 December 2019</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
- Clothing Stock	405.32	
- Bank Balance	5,372.19	4,916.91
- Cash In Hand	0.00	0.00
<b>Liabilities</b>		
- Amounts Owed To Suppliers	(450.00)	0.00
- Subscriptions In Advance (Spring Term)	(546.00)	(754.00)
- Other Creditors	(427.33)	(806.55)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	4,354.18	3,356.36
<b>Financed By:</b>		
- Net Income Reserve	4,354.18	3,356.36