



Annual General Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2022

St Michael and All Angels Church, Lonsdale Rd, Oxford OX2 7ES

AGENDA

Minutes of Previous AGM on 18 November 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Summertown Choral Society is to be held on Thursday 10 November 2022 at 8pm.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 18 November 2021, and matters arising
3. Report from the Music Director (oral)
4. Report from the Treasurer, Accounts and Examiner's Report
5. Report from the Chair
6. Election of Committee
7. AOB

The Committee consists of the following officers: A Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and not fewer than three and not more than six other members. They all hold office until the next AGM and have a maximum term of five years.

Simon Wratten has completed 5 years and is standing down as Librarian and Diana Chandler is standing down as Membership Secretary. Many thanks to both for their service

Branwen Ebsworth and Maria Scott have agreed to be nominated in their places.

The list of Nominees for the Committee is:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Chair	Philip Booth	Alastair Dent	Sean Wilson
Secretary	Keith Young	Vreni Booth	Patrick O'Meara
Treasurer	Kirsten Smith	Jayne Joyce	Simone Irmischer
Concert Manager	Catrin Roberts	Emma Britton	Fiona Crosse
Membership Secretary	Maria Scott	Jean Smith	Sarah Goodman
Webmaster	Jean-Louis Metzger	Anthony Gillman	Christopher Romney
Librarian	Branwen Ebsworth	Philippa Berry	Simon Wratten
Social Secretary	Sue Palmer	Sue Cavanna	Sandie Hardaker
Publicity	Julia Wigg	Gillian Morriss-Kay	Margie Campbell

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18 November 2021 (amended 21 Jan 2022 – see agenda item 7)

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The Annual General Meeting for Summertown Choral Society was held on Thursday 18 November 2021 at 8pm.

Present: Summertown Choral Society committee members (Philip Booth (Chair), Vreni Booth, Nicky Boughton, Marie Bridge, Alison Jones, Jean-Louis Metzger, Kirsten Smith, Jackie Weaver and Simon Wratten), Duncan Saunderson (music director), Julian Littlewood (accompanist) and choir members.

Minutes

Philip Booth convened the meeting at 8pm.

- 1. Apologies** Gillian Beattie
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 26 November 2020, and matters arising**

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were approved. There were no matters arising that are not covered in the reports below.

- 3. Report from the Music Director (oral)**

Duncan looked forward to the planned 2022 concerts. On 29 January SCS will perform Messiah, accompanied by the Instruments of Time and Truth, a fantastic orchestra described by the BBC as an orchestra of instrumental soloists. Soloists will include Elspeth Piggott (soprano), Mercè Bruguera Abelló (mezzo soprano), Tom Kelly (tenor) and Brian McAlea (bass baritone).

On 21 May we will perform a programme of French music, from Paris in the second half of 20th century. This will include Gounod's *St Cecilia Mass*, and Saint Saëns' *Requiem*.

He also mentioned the Summertown Singers trip to Porto in August (16-21), for which he will be seeking numbers in the next few weeks.

Duncan emphasised the importance of continuing to seek recruitment to the choir, especially tenors and basses, and reminded us all of the benefits of singing to our health and well-being.

Finally he conveyed his thanks especially to Philip for his unwavering energy and commitment during lockdown, to committee members, both outgoing and incoming, and to all choir members.

4. Report from the Treasurer, Accounts and Examiner's Report

Ki referred to her full report included in the Annual Report. There were no questions and the accounts were adopted nem con.

5. Report from the Chair

Philip also referred to his full report in the Annual Report. He also mentioned the outstanding issue of the Church heating. He has written to St Michaels requesting an update and is awaiting a reply. The proposal is covered in last year's report. In the meantime we will continue to use the available heaters.

Philip thanked Duncan and Julian, especially for their enthusiasm during lockdown, and highlighted Duncan's talent for appearing to talk to us in person when faced with solely a camera. He also noted that 5 committee members are standing down, and thanked them for their commitment over the past 5 years.

6. Amendment to Constitution

A proposal was made to amend the annual subscription for under 30s to half price. Currently the subscription is waived. Jackie Weaver (Membership Secretary) explained that there has been a significant drop-out rate amongst the under-30 age group. This had previously been discussed by the committee and it had been agreed that a reduced subscription might encourage better commitment.

The proposal was passed by a show of at least two-thirds of hands.

Action: Constitution to be amended (Secretary) – done.

7. Election of Committee

Philip referred to the slate in the Appendix below of 5 new committee members who were standing for election. There were no objections, and the slate was carried unanimously after a vote by a show of hands. (Actually voted for on 20 January 2022 at a Choir rehearsal by AGM attendees, as the original vote was erroneously omitted at the AGM.)

8. AOB

Marie Bridge suggested that we should formally thank Sally Prime for allowing us to use her studio during lockdown, and for all her technical help. Philip Booth responded that a gift has already been purchased and given to Sally. Unfortunately she was not present at the AGM for a round of applause.

The meeting closed at 20.15h

Appendix:

Proposed committee members 2021

Role	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Philip Booth	Nigel Hamilton	Debbie Hamilton
Secretary	Sue Cavanna	Alison Jones	Philip Booth
Treasurer	Ki Smith	Jayne Joyce	Simone Irschmer
Membership Sec	Diana Chandler	Meg Movshon	Di O'Meara
Concert Manager	Catrin Roberts	Gillian Beattie	Emma Britton
Social Secretary	Sue Palmer	Jackie Weaver	Alison Jones
Librarian	Simon Wratten	Tony Gillman	Paul Blaikley
Webmaster	Jean-Louis Metzger	Tony Gillman	Christopher Romney
Publicity	Diane Benfield	Amanda Saville	De Grant