



Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir

Treasurers Report for 2023

2023 was a year of trying to get back to where we were financially before Covid. We all understood that it was not going to right itself in 12 months and the past year has proved that.

Our income (again) has not quite covered our expenditure as we have fallen short by £1,075 once the initial deposits for the Bristol concert are put to one side.

We have had successes but also disappointments as far as the Concerts go. There seems to be a difference in what audiences are prepared to come out of their houses to see now, compared to 3 years ago. People have become used to watching TV and being entertained “for free” at home. It is not just small fry like ourselves who are struggling either. I have gone to the Panto at the Hippodrome every year since 2012 and this is the first year that I have seen empty seats there, so it isn’t just us.

This, I believe, confirms we were correct in increasing the annual subscription up to £150 last year. If we had not done so we would have been a further £4,000 (approx.) worse off. I would like to thank the members for their co-operation in accepting (and paying) this increase with grace and honesty.

The decision to ask for members to purchase their own “blues” was not taken lightly and please accept that we did factor in the financial ability of many of our members to pay for both uniforms and subs. Having retired myself this year I am very aware that it comes as a shock when you deduct these unscheduled outgoings from your pension payments. As before, I would again like to thank members for their prompt settlement of this cost.

Whilst it is a reasonable step in the right direction, my aim is to get us back to the same comfortable levels that we were at in 2018 & 2019. I do remember being questioned in 2021/2022 as to why we needed such a surplus. Hopefully you will all now be aware of what global pandemics can do and can see the positives of “having money in the bank”. We are still £5,000 shy of available funds from the 2019 total.

The issued spreadsheet shows a relatively healthy balance between income and expenditure for the concerts but the cost of the music team needs to be added to the comparisons. This is in the sum of £1,470.00.

We made a valiant effort with our main concert, in October. I believe that all who attended, and all who participated in, the concert enjoyed it immensely. We all made a sterling effort to make this a financial success but (as discussed above) ticket sales

were disappointing. The overall loss including deposits paid last year plus music team costs lead to a £1,500 loss for the single concert. The BC showcase this year actually led to a £1,900 profit but perhaps the BH Civic “experience” let itself down.

I would once again like to thank the Choir members for their efforts in selling tickets for concerts over the last year and can only ask for a concerted (excuse the pun – so good I’ve used it twice in 2 years) effort this coming concert season.

We have already booked 3 venues for next year and paid deposits totalling £1,034 for 4 concerts in 2024.

We have given £2,000 this year in Donations to The Brierley Hill Baby Bank (£500), Solving Kids Cancer (£500), Access in Dudley and Wolverhampton (£1,000). Further donations will be made in the new year following the Christmas period. The pub concerts raised a sum of £696 in buckets and the Concert at Dudley College raised a further £200 for Charities which will be donated on.

The Choir has also received £1,865 in donations from a number of sources including a Wedding, funerals (unfortunately), minor concerts and £195 “Christmas card” internal donation from the Choir.

The 700 Club principles changed over the last 12 months with winners being drawn monthly and all participants having a chance of winning 50% of the balance of the monies collected. Please form an orderly queue behind me to see which numbers JS choses for the lottery.

I would like (again) to thank you all for trying to make my life easier and paying by either BACS payments or Stripe. I will still accept cheques, notes and coins however – at a push!

The final account has been agreed and signed by our auditors so I will make the balance sheet and income/expenditure summary available to any member that would like a copy. I will be free to answer any questions, on a one to one basis, after the AGM.

Onward and upward!!!

Stephen Hale (Treasurer)
January 2024

GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS MALE VOICE CHOIR
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

EXPENDITURE	£	£	2022	INCOME	£	£	2022
		2023				2023	
CONCERTS				CONCERTS			
Christmas 2022	£ 393.77			Christmas 2022	£ 20.00		
Springvale	£ 85.00			Christmas pubs 2022	£ 407.00		
Kidderminster Valentines	£ 480.00			Catenians	£ 325.00		
Song for Joel	£ 443.02			Wedding (TB)	£ 400.00		
Beverley	£ 11,492.98			Song for Joel	£ 1,151.34		
BC Showcase	£ 1,266.00			Kidderminster Valentines	£ 348.00		
Autumn Concert - excludes deposit of £1,200 paid in 2022	£ 7,153.23			BC Showcase incl raffle	£ 3,389.77		
Remembrance	£ 1,415.00			Autumn Concert	£ 7,133.75		
Christmas	£ 1,208.82			Remembrance	£ 1,545.28		
Deposits for 2024				Christmas concert	£ 1,766.00		
Springvale	£ 94.00			Christmas buckets	£ 557.22		
Cornbow	£ 165.00			Christmas pubs fees	£ 1,000.00		
DTH July	£ 350.00			Christmas pub buckets	£ 696.25		
DTH October	£ 425.00			Beverley (Excludes £3,475 collected in 2022)	£ 7,534.00		
				Bristol trip (2024)	£ 2,890.00		
		£ 24,971.82	£ 2,821.82				
						£ 29,163.61	£ 11,773.52
				REGULAR INCOME			
				Subscriptions	£ 7,237.00		
						£ 7,237.00	£ 3,898.01
DONATIONS				DONATIONS RECEIVED			
Brierley Hill Baby Bank	£ 500.00			D Arnold family	£ 1,010.00		
Solving Kids Cancer	£ 500.00			Amblecote CO	£ 60.00		
Access in Dudley & W'ton	£ 1,000.00			S Waltho combined funding	£ 1,650.00		
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				O'Shea family	£ 300.00		
				AJB	£ 150.00		
				Young at Heart	£ 50.00		
				GSMVC Charity Xmas Card	£ 195.00		
		£ 3,650.00	£ 2,450.00	Lime Grove Resi Association	£ 50.00		
						£ 3,515.00	£ 60.00
MISC/RUNNING/OTHER COSTS				OTHER INCOME			
Bank charges	£ 109.91			Misc	£ 102.90		
General admin expenses	£ 1,476.51			Uniform payments	£ 3,731.00		
Web domain	£ 189.00			Social fund (700 club)	£ 1,317.00		
Insurance	£ 209.85						
New uniforms	£ 3,511.92						
National Association of Choirs	£ -						
Honoraria (incl Concerts)	£ 6,165.00						
Room hire	£ 1,860.00					£ 5,150.90	£ 3,475.00
Music	£ 671.76						
700 club (250 to pay)	£ 436.00						
		£ 14,629.95	£ 9,523.91				
Transfers		£ -	£ -	Transfers		£ -	£ -
		£ 43,251.77	£ 14,795.73			£ 45,066.51	£ 19,206.53
Surplus		£ 1,814.74					
<i>Surplus includes £2,890 temporary deposits for Bristol trip, so true total is loss of = £1,075.26</i>							
		£ 45,066.51	£ 14,795.73			£ 45,066.51	£ 19,206.53
Known expenditure 2023				Known income 2023			

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 December 2023

Issued for distribution to Choir Members prior to the AGM.

CASH RESERVES

Treasurers account

Balance 12/22 £ 6,478.99
Balance (29th) December 2023 £ 8,284.51 *
* includes £2,890 short term income for Bristol Concert

Treasurers account

£ 1,805.52

Contingency account

Balance 12/22 £ 10,960.18
Balance (29th) December 2023 £ 11,128.36 Incl interest

Contingency account

£ 168.18

Futures account

Balance 12/22 £ 7,253.56
Balance (29th) December 2023 £ 7,377.13 Incl interest

Futures account

£ 123.57

Cash in hand £ 26,790.00

£ 2,097.27

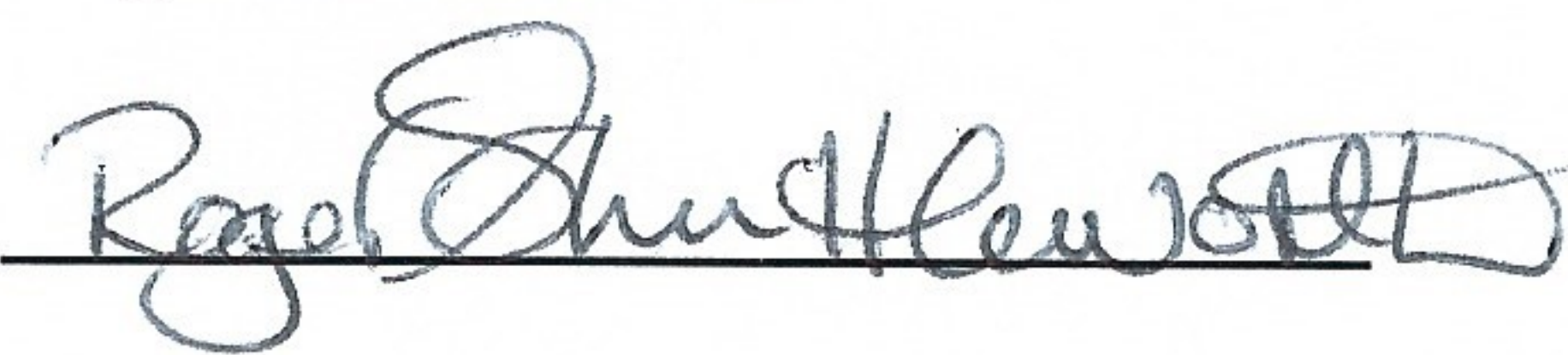
Appointed by the Choir Management Committee, we hereby certify for the accounts to be correct for the year ending 31/12/23

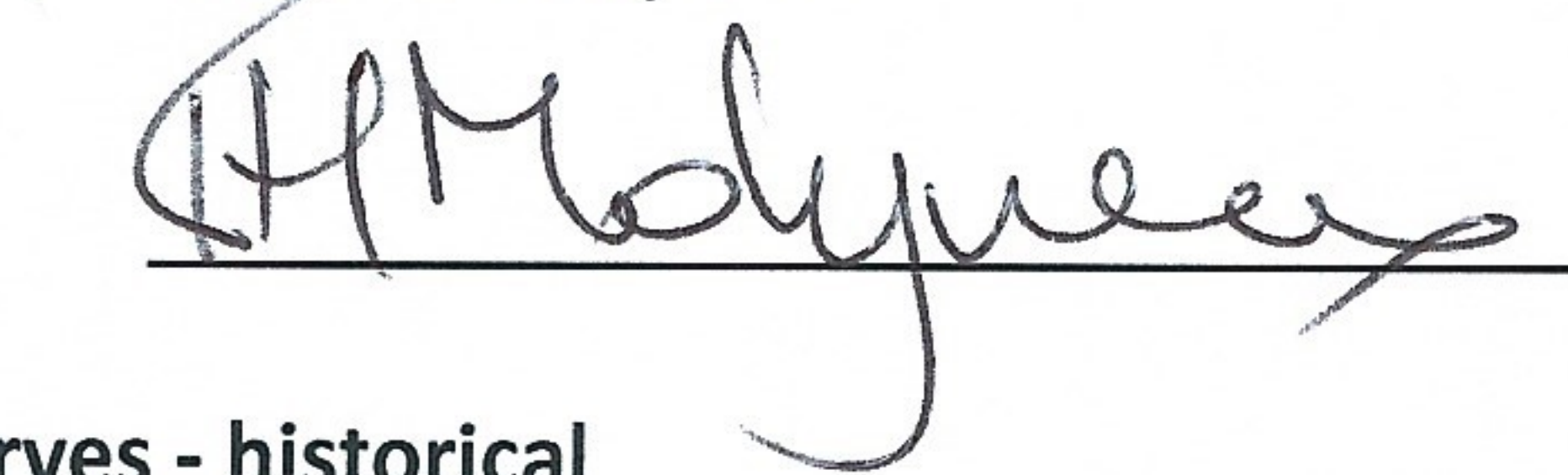
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Date: 8/1/24
Roger Shuttleworth

Signed

Date:
Richard Molyneux





Cash reserves - historical

2000			£ 11,628.06
2001	Surplus	£13,049.08	£ 24,677.14
2002	Deficit	(£4,115.96)	£ 20,561.18
2003	Surplus	£5,252.27	£ 25,813.45
2004	Surplus	£539.99	£ 26,353.44
2005	Deficit	(£2,153.36)	£ 24,200.08
2006	Surplus	£1,299.81	£ 25,499.89
2007	Surplus	£2,051.54	£ 27,551.43
2008	Deficit	(£9,878.63)	£ 17,672.80
2009	Deficit	(£1,326.70)	£ 16,346.10
2010	Deficit	(£1,910.84)	£ 14,435.26
2011	Surplus	£7,130.91	£ 21,566.17
2012	Surplus	£10,414.54	£ 31,980.71
2013	Deficit	(£8,593.15)	£ 23,387.56
2014	Surplus	£5,949.33	£ 29,336.89
2015	Deficit	(£2,143.46)	£ 27,193.43
2016	Deficit	(£9,685.93)	£ 17,507.50
2017	Surplus	£7,128.74	£ 24,636.24
2018	Surplus	£3,512.13	£ 28,148.37
2019	Surplus	£3,519.83	£ 31,668.20
2020	Deficit	£ (5,119.09)	£ 26,549.11
2021	Deficit	£ (6,292.26)	£ 20,256.85
2022	Surplus	£ 4,435.54	£ 24,692.73
2023	Surplus	£ 2,097.27	£ 26,790.00