

## **St Donats Chorale CIO**

### **Trustees Report for the 2022-23 year**

Prior to the last AGM, the chairman, Graham Price, had indicated his desire to step down from this role. So, following due procedure at the AGM on the xxxx, Peter Dickson was elected chairperson, with Michelle Rogers as vice-chair.

Like many organisations, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic continued to be felt as choir members gradually regained confidence in returning to in-person singing. The choir is now in a healthy state with new members joining through the year.

As noted in the last Trustees report, the musical director (MD) had left at short notice to take up a new position. Our accompanist, James Bull, stepped up into this role, initially on a trial basis. Following a very successful Christmas concert, the Trustees felt it was appropriate to offer James the permanent position of MD. Happily he accepted this role and Sally Tarlton also accepted the role of accompanist. Filling these positions was an important step for the choir as it regains its role in the musical life of Llantwit Major.

Following a highly successful Christmas concert at St Illtuds Church in Llantwit Major, the Easter concert was held at All Saints Church in Barry and gave the choir an opportunity to perform more sacred works.

The summer concert gave us a chance to return to our 'roots' as we held the concert at St Donats Art Centre. A combination of short musical items and poems played to a full audience, and we hope to revisit this venue at some stage in the future. We were grateful for a local broadband provider, OGI, for supporting us with sponsorship. The Trustees plan to revisit this additional form of income for future concerts. The sponsorship for the concert also allowed the choir to donate a substantial sum to the Motor Neurone Disease Association charity.

The financial report and accounts show that the position remains healthy, but the Trustees are aware that costs do continue to rise, and financial prudence continues to be needed. The trustees paid thanks to David Watson for his financial stewardship of the choir and welcomed Ali Churchouse as his replacement.

During the year the Trustees instigated a 'programme planning committee' to work with the MD in selecting suitable music to rehearse and perform. We are grateful for the stewardship of our vice-chairperson, Michelle Rogers, in managing this important sub-committee.

Thanks are due to all the Trustees, but especially to those resigning after long service including our previous Chairman who steered the choir through turbulent as well as exciting times with trips to sing in Norway and Bath Abbey as well as the more usual local venues. We hope to continue this tradition of pushing both musical and geographical boundaries into the future. We would also like to thank Sue Dickson as our librarian who, whilst not a Trustee, provides invaluable support to the choir and the MD.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the choir for their contribution to the musical life of Llantwit Major. Without their support and attendance on a weekly basis, this choir would not exist.

Trustees at the start of the 2022-23 year were:

Althea Summers (Publicity)	Chris Samuel (Tenor Rep)
Peter Dickson (Chairperson)	Michelle Rogers (Vice-Chair)
Rosemary Samuel (Secretary)	Ali Churchouse ( Treasurer)
Rosemary Woodroffe (Alto Rep)	Margaret Owens (Membership Secretary)
Chris Evans (Bass Rep)	David Ephraim (Webmaster)

Some roles remain unfilled and are covered by other Trustees. The AGM will be an opportunity to revisit these positions.

**Dr Peter Dickson, Chairperson, on behalf of the Trustees**

ST DONATS CHORALE INCOME & EXPENDITURE				
ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2023				
Opening Bank Balance as at 1st September 2022				£ 4,994.61
Closing Bank Balance as at 31st August 2023		£ 4,342.95		
<b>Net Loss for the year</b>				<b>-£ 651.66</b>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Subscriptions</b>				£ 5,892.00
Christmas concert profit				£ 488.92
Summer concert profit				£ 187.03
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Tea/Coffee		£ 468.68		
Jam Sales & Summer Fair		£ 203.50		
Donation Barclays		£ 250.00		
		<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£ 7,490.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Rehearsal Fees				-£ 5,910.00
Rehearsal Venue				-£ 1,416.00
Easter concert loss				-£ 109.70
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Making Music		-£ 144.00		
Webservices		-£ 171.30		
Net cost of Choir Music		-£ 193.40		
Net cost of scarves/folders		-£ 181.40		
Replacement piano pedal		-£ 15.99		
		<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-£ 8,141.79</b>
		<b>Net Loss</b>		<b>-£ 651.66</b>
<b>Ali Chudose - Treasurer 10th September 2023</b>				