

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at RC Church
Friday 14 March 2025

1 Present:	Action
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Events for 2025 are already gaining momentum with lots of exciting things being organised.

I wish you all well and look forward to all we do together over the coming year.

7 Musical Directors Report:

Alec Brooks: It has been a very enjoyable year, the same as the previous year. Choristers make this possible and it has been a pleasure to stand in front of them. Thanks also to the Musical Team, Laura who is here tonight, Richard and Paul. Thanks to the committee for their support and help throughout the year. The friendship of the choir has been very important. All are so friendly and thanks for the year and now looking forward to this year.

8 Treasurers Report:

Copied from prepared script. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 were also distributed.

I'm pleased to present our annual accounts for 2024.

INCOME: 49 paid up members and donations from 2 life members. The patron's donation was from Eynon with other patrons being in the annual concert figures. The gift aid of £3,006.80 for 2.5 years. Thank you to some of our ladies who did a month's bucket collection at the Jolly Sailor quiz night which raised £1,170. The large amount for funerals was made up of donations from Fred Drapers widow Sally, Kelvin Isaac's family, Marcus's payment included the bus to Chepstow and the Fergie family. Our annual concert income was £5,781.25 even with reduced fees to our advertisers and supporters and reduced ticket prices this was a good outcome. We also did well with our concerts.

EXPENDITURE: We are very lucky to have our new home at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Total rent paid £2,940 which included two extra months to Arlington Church before we left.

We now as you know have a payment machine and the charges came to £24.20 this being 1.69% of each transaction. The cost of our musical team was £11,415, new equipment included £166.80 for the new card machine. After outgoings our annual concert raised £3,687.07. You all had new trousers and the new members new jumpers. We gave a donation of £500 to Velindre Cancer Centre. A good financial year all round with C/A finishing on £10,132.77.

Our Deposit account earned £61.78 in interest and finished on £4,320.63.

Our Tour account added £1,845.40 from the raffle and finished at £7,766.15.

So, in total we hold £22,219.55 as at 31/12/2024.

My thanks to Chris and all those who have collected money through the year. I feel the choir is in a strong financial position to go forward into 2025., and thanks to our wonderful committee for their help and advice.

Thanks, and praise to our Ladies Section who gave us £1,129.50 towards trousers and our new web site. My thoughts and prayers go to Kelvin Isaac who was our auditor, and to Philip Tew who kindly took on the job half way into the year, I am so grateful to him.

For the year ahead I propose subscriptions be increased by £10 from £125 to £135 this is £2.60 per week and I see as excellent value. Also an increase of £5 per practice for our musical director and accompanist. We have a quality team and I feel we need to show our appreciation.

The raffle I propose to keep splitting between the C/A and tour account. This will help build the tour account but help with the C/A if work starts to dry up in the year ahead.

On the notice board are our 2 account details, please use the correct account when transferring money. New members can pay by standing order monthly if they wish, if they are tax payers, please can they sign a gift aid declaration for us to claim back an extra 25%.

And to finish off thank you all for PAYING SELLING BUYING and parting with your cash on time, but most of all putting up with a woman in a male choir.

Additional comments made during the presentation:

Treasurer: HMRC now make random requests for charity, to make a corporation tax return. This was completed by Noel Williams.

John Pearman: commented on the good work done to receive gift aid.

Viv Griffiths: thanks to Marilyn Hill, one special person.

Treasurer: asked the meeting to vote on the proposed increase to subscriptions and the payments to the musical team. A show of hand indicated unanimous support for the increases.

9 Auditors Report:

Phil Tew, the auditor had given his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He had previously spoken to the Chairman and Secretary to express the high standard of work from the Treasurer, Marilyn Hill. He commented on how well the accounts had been maintained and prepared noting everything was in order.

10 Election of Officers:

With the exception of Social Secretary, a single nomination was received for each position.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Adrian Powis	John Pearman	Phil Tew
Vice Chairman	John Mathias	Roy Bowen	Glenn White
Secretary	Noel Williams	John Pearman	Glenn White
Treasurer	Marilyn Hill	Phil Tew	John Pearman
Concert Secretary	Mark Smith	Rob Cotter	Lyn Sullivan
Social Secretary			
Public Relations Officer	Ian Williams	Gareth Lewis	Daryl Strong
Librarian	Robert Cotter	Mike Williams	Chris Davies
<u>Section Leaders</u>			
Top Tenor	Gerwyn James	Viv Griffiths	Howard Evans
Second Tenor	Jon Machin	Glenn White	Mark Smith
Baritone	Chris Davies	John Pearman	Stan Hill
Bass	Gareth Lewis	Stuart Phillips	Mike Griffiths

Mike Griffiths was prepared to continue as Social Secretary helping for social events but did not wish to be on the committee.

Retiring and new members were respectively thanked and welcomed.

Chairman: we will have a block vote. This duly took place and all were unanimously voted as per the nominations list.

To contact Charity Commission to update trustee registrations.

11 Any Other Business:

No items for discussion.

12 Date of Next Annual General Meeting:

Noel Williams: the Members Handbook states 'The AGM will normally be held on the third Friday of February each year, or as near to that date as possible.' The term 'normally' does give us the flexibility to change the date. On this basis the AGM is planned for 20 February 2026.

Noel Williams – Secretary

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PORHCRAWL MALE CHOIR

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

2024	CURRENT ACCOUNT	2025	2025
	INCOME		
	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS		
£6,120.50	50 No. @ £135.00	£6,725.25	£6,725.25
£250.00	Life Members 2 No.	£270.00	£270.00
	Ireland Tour wrong account	£3,650.00	
£250.00	Patrons (inc in annual concert 2025)		
£1,260.58	Raffle	£1,271.80	
£3,006.88	Gift Aid	£1,512.85	
£3,584.00	Social Events	£3,242.00	
£1,170.00	Pub Quiz	£832.00	
£450.00	Weddings	£1,450.00	
£2,274.00	Funerals	£1,139.00	
£567.70	Uniforms	£328.60	
£1,166.00	Calendars 2024 / 2025 CD sales	£1,520.00	
	Legacy	£10,000.00	
	Donations	£756.00	£25,702.25
£5,781.25	Annual Concert Sept 2025	£6,152.50	
	Carol service concert	£1,294.45	
	R M B I (2 years) Concert	£300.00	
£925.06	St Davids Day 2024/ Porthcawl Swim	£600.00	
£800.00	Vetrans 200.00 High Sheriff 200.00	£400.00	
£400.00	Cardiff Uni 1300.00 Jolly Sailor 500.00	£1,800.00	
£250.00	Cancer concert	£2,759.00	
£100.00	Stroke club 100.00 Elvis concert 167.23	£267.23	
£372.00	Globe xmas concert	£341.00	
350	All Saints 2024	£400.00	£14,314.18
£29,077.97		TOTAL INCOME	£47,011.68
	EXPENDITURE		
£1,400.00	Our Lady Star of the Sea -Rent	£2,400.00	£2,400.00
£1,540.00	Arlington Church Rental		
	SUBSCRIPTIONS TO AFFILLIATED BODIES		
£40.00	W.M.A.C.	£40.00	
£313.00	Making Music	£325.00	£365.00
£132.58	Web Site Fees	£432.40	
£155.00	Insurance	£155.00	
£24.20	Sum up machine charges (payment machine)	£137.19	£724.59
	MUSICAL DIRECTORS & ACCOMPANISTS		
£6,160.00	Musical Director	£6,590.00	
£500.00	Accompanist's Agnes	£200.00	
£2,745.00	Accompanist's Mr. Richard Davis	£2,980.00	

£1,845.00	Accompanist's Mrs Laura Deenick	£2,535.00	
£165.00	Conductor Mr Paul Deenick	£405.00	£12,710.00

2024	CURRENT ACCOUNT (Cont'd)	2025	2025
	<u>EXPENDITURE (Cont'd)</u>		
£917.91	Purchase of Sheet Music	£515.94	
£262.86	New Equipment	295.98	
£2,831.50	Social Events	£2,966.75	
£1,223.16	Performed Concerts	£5,111.00	
2214.18	Annual Concert Sept 2024	£2,091.60	
£2,017.30	Uniforms	£503.40	
£250.00	D. Evans Scholarship Award	£250.00	
£453.40	Harris Printers	£743.25	
	Consumables	£149.04	
£28.10	Postage		
	C.D recording	£2,150.49	
	Food for recording day	£400.00	
	Account transfers – Tour account	£3,650.00	
	<u>SUNDRIES</u>		
	Donation RNLI	£150.00	
£100.00	Church floor repair		
£500.00	Donation Velindre Cancer Hospital		
£100.00	Donation Fred Funeral		
£45.00	Flowers		
£50.00	Audit present	£34.00	£19,011.45
			£35,211.04
£26,013.19	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£35,211.04
	<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>		

	Balance brought forward 31st December 2024	£10,132.77	
	ADD Income for 2025	<u>£47,011.68</u>	
			£57,144.45
	LESS Expenditure for 2025	£35,211.04	
			<u>£21,933.41</u>
		TO SUMMARY	<u>£21,933.41</u>

2024			2025	
	<u>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT</u>			
	Balance as at 31st December 2024		£4,320.63	
	interest year 2025	£48.25	£48.25	
			<u>£4,368.88</u>	
		TO SUMMARY		<u>£4,368.88</u>
2024	<u>TOUR FUND ACCOUNT</u>		2025	
	<u>INCOME</u>			
£1,845.40	Choir Raffle	£1,524.30		
	Ireland Tour	£28,977.00		
	Quiz	£49.00		
	Transfer from C/A	<u>£3,650.00</u>	£34,200.30	
£28,980.67		TOTAL INCOME		<u>£34,200.30</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	Quiz transfer	£49.00		
	Ireland Tour	£37,506.00	£37,555.00	
£30,354.17		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>£37,555.00</u>

TOUR FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance forward from 31st Dec 2024	£7,766.15		
ADD Income for 2025	£34,200.30		
		£41,966.45	
LESS Expenditure for 2025	£37,555.00	£4,411.45	
		TO SUMMARY	£4,411.45
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CURRENT ACCOUNT			£21,933.41
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			£4,368.88
TOUR FUND ACCOUNT			£4,411.45
		TOTAL FUNDS IN HAND as at 31st DECEMBER 2025	£30,713.74

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025 (Cont'd)

BANK RECONCILIATION			
CURRENT ACCOUNT			
Bank Statement as at 31st December 2025	£22,133.41		
Less Unpresented Cheques			
Chq 03469 Richard Davis	£200.00		
		£200.00	£21,933.41
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			
Bank statement 31 st December 2025		£4,368.88	£4,368.88
TOUR FUND ACCOUNT			
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TREASURER Mrs MARILYN Hill <i>M S Hill</i>			
Auditor <i>[Signature]</i>			
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A big thank you to the guys who move and set up all of our equipment for events, thank you all for your hard work.

And to Chris for ensuring no one ever gets away without buying a raffle ticket.

Can I conclude by just thanking everyone for the friendship, commitment and sense of comradeship you bring to the Choir.

Events for 2025 are already gaining momentum with lots of exciting things being organised.

I wish you all well and look forward to all we do together over the coming year.

7 Musical Directors Report:

Alec Brooks: It has been a very enjoyable year, the same as the previous year. Choristers make this possible and it has been a pleasure to stand in front of them. Thanks also to the Musical Team, Laura who is here tonight, Richard and Paul. Thanks to the committee for their support and help throughout the year. The friendship of the choir has been very important. All are so friendly and thanks for the year and now looking forward to this year.

8 Treasurers Report:

Copied from prepared script. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 were also distributed.

I'm pleased to present our annual accounts for 2024.

INCOME: 49 paid up members and donations from 2 life members. The patron's donation was from Eynon with other patrons being in the annual concert figures. The gift aid of £3,006.80 for 2.5 years. Thank you to some of our ladies who did a month's bucket collection at the Jolly Sailor quiz night which raised £1,170. The large amount for funerals was made up of donations from Fred Drapers widow Sally, Kelvin Isaac's family, Marcus's payment included the bus to Chepstow and the Fergie family. Our annual concert income was £5,781.25 even with reduced fees to our advertisers and supporters and reduced ticket prices this was a good outcome. We also did well with our concerts.

EXPENDITURE: We are very lucky to have our new home at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Total rent paid £2,940 which included two extra months to Arlington Church before we left.

We now as you know have a payment machine and the charges came to £24.20 this being 1.69% of each transaction. The cost of our musical team was £11,415, new equipment included £166.80 for the new card machine. After outgoings our annual concert raised £3,687.07. You all had new trousers and the new members new jumpers. We gave a donation of £500 to Velindre Cancer Centre. A good financial year all round with C/A finishing on £10,132.77.

Our Deposit account earned £61.78 in interest and finished on £4,320.63.

Our Tour account added £1,845.40 from the raffle and finished at £7,766.15.

So, in total we hold £22,219.55 as at 31/12/2024.

My thanks to Chris and all those who have collected money through the year. I feel the choir is in a strong financial position to go forward into 2025., and thanks to our wonderful committee for their help and advice.

Thanks, and praise to our Ladies Section who gave us £1,129.50 towards trousers and our new web site. My thoughts and prayers go to Kelvin Isaac who was our auditor, and to Philip Tew who kindly took on the job half way into the year, I am so grateful to him.

For the year ahead I propose subscriptions be increased by £10 from £125 to £135 this is £2.60 per week and I see as excellent value. Also an increase of £5 per practice for our musical director and accompanist. We have a quality team and I feel we need to show our appreciation.

The raffle I propose to keep splitting between the C/A and tour account. This will help build the tour account but help with the C/A if work starts to dry up in the year ahead.

On the notice board are our 2 account details, please use the correct account when transferring money. New members can pay by standing order monthly if they wish, if they are tax payers, please can they sign a gift aid declaration for us to claim back an extra 25%.

And to finish off thank you all for PAYING SELLING BUYING and parting with your cash on time, but most of all putting up with a woman in a male choir.

Additional comments made during the presentation:

Treasurer: HMRC now make random requests for charity, to make a corporation tax return. This was completed by Noel Williams.

John Pearman: commented on the good work done to receive gift aid.

Viv Griffiths: thanks to Marilyn Hill, one special person.

Treasurer: asked the meeting to vote on the proposed increase to subscriptions and the payments to the musical team. A show of hand indicated unanimous support for the increases.

9 Auditors Report:

Phil Tew, the auditor had given his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He had previously spoken to the Chairman and Secretary to express the high standard of work from the Treasurer, Marilyn Hill. He commented on how well the accounts had been maintained and prepared noting everything was in order.

10 Election of Officers:

With the exception of Social Secretary, a single nomination was received for each position.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Adrian Powis	John Pearman	Phil Tew
Vice Chairman	John Mathias	Roy Bowen	Glenn White
Secretary	Noel Williams	John Pearman	Glenn White
Treasurer	Marilyn Hill	Phil Tew	John Pearman
Concert Secretary	Mark Smith	Rob Cotter	Lyn Sullivan
Social Secretary			
Public Relations Officer	Ian Williams	Gareth Lewis	Daryl Strong
Librarian	Robert Cotter	Mike Williams	Chris Davies
<u>Section Leaders</u>			
Top Tenor	Gerwyn James	Viv Griffiths	Howard Evans
Second Tenor	Jon Machin	Glenn White	Mark Smith
Baritone	Chris Davies	John Pearman	Stan Hill
Bass	Gareth Lewis	Stuart Phillips	Mike Griffiths

Mike Griffiths was prepared to continue as Social Secretary helping for social events but did not wish to be on the committee.

Retiring and new members were respectively thanked and welcomed.

Chairman: we will have a block vote. This duly took place and all were unanimously voted as per the nominations list.

To contact Charity Commission to update trustee registrations.

11 Any Other Business:

No items for discussion.

12 Date of Next Annual General Meeting:

Noel Williams: the Members Handbook states 'The AGM will normally be held on the third Friday of February each year, or as near to that date as possible.' The term 'normally' does give us the flexibility to change the date. On this basis the AGM is planned for 20 February 2026.

Noel Williams – Secretary

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