

AGM 2024 report from NCS Chair.

Summary

This year has been a particularly successful one on many fronts.

We have performed 3 concerts to great acclaim and above-average audience figures.

We have fund-raised enough money to be able to perform Elgar's Dream of Gerontius next May in Clifton Cathedral, accompanied by Bristol Symphony Orchestra, and Messiah this Christmas in Nailsea with a baroque band.

Our membership has grown so that it is now up to pre - Covid levels.

Our current financial situation has future-proofed our society so that we can continue to perform high quality concerts.

Our concerts

Our concerts have comprised Christmas music highlighting Rutter's Gloria with brass accompaniment, Choral treasures from Venice highlighting Vivaldi Gloria, and in a radical change, a summer concert of songs from musical theatre shows such as West Side Story and Phantom of the Opera.

Our fundraising

Everyone in choir has been involved in fundraising for our Centenary concert next year. A Singathon produced a surprise £2,000 plus. Two concerts, generously given by local groups to support us, gave us £1500, and many additional donations from individual members, plus a plant sale gave still more. We began the year wondering if we would ever be able to perform Dream of Gerontius but are now in a good financial position to do so.

Our committees

This then is the time to mention the tireless work of our Centenary Steering group who have been meeting regularly all year to plan the fundraising events and the concert itself. Many thanks to all of them for their support and their unfailing optimism.

Thanks too, to the NCS committee who have all run your society with real commitment and care. I could not do without them. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Gill Gray who has been our Chorus Secretary for the last 6 years and must now step down. She has been a steady and reliable mainstay of the society during these years.

Thanks too, to Emma Pontin who has been a stalwart in opening up our rehearsal venue and putting out the chairs each week for the last year.

Our members

Our membership has grown significantly during the year to over 80 members currently. This has given us a real boost.

Our MD and assistant conductor.

This year brought Harry Kirby as an assistant conductor to aid Tom. Quickly popular he has proved an asset to the choir, even more so because he sings tenor with us at concerts.

As ever though, we must overwhelmingly thank Tom for his considerable hours spent on our behalf in music preparation, finding orchestras and soloists, travel, great musical talent and generally leading us on and forward in our music making capabilities.

This next year, performing the Elgar will be a real test of both his and our endurance and fortitude, but we're behind you Tom!

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Annual Accounts for 2023/24

Revenue Account		Net Exp (£) 2023/24	Net Exp (£) 2022/23
Concerts	December	1,125	3,562
	Spring	113	521
	Summer	-717	-427
Rehearsal exps		6,195	5,533
Music (net)		-224	108
Subscriptions/gift aid		-11,382	-9,880
Donations to Centenary Fund		-7,832	1,826
Other expenditure/income		-30	-101
Transfer to Centenary Fund		13,234	-1,826
Surplus/Deficit(-) for the year		-482	482

Balance Sheet		2023/24 (£)	2022/23 (£)
Opening general reserve		11,902	11,420
Opening Centenary Fund		1,826	
Surplus/deficit for the year		-482	482
Closing general reserve		11,420	11,902
Closing Centenary Fund		15,060	1,826
Total reserves		26,480	13,728
Represented by	Bank (current a/c)	7,953	6,137
	Bank (deposit a/c)	19,099	7,818
	Sumup	186	
	Creditors/prepayments	-758	-227

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Details of expenditure and income

Concerts	Rutter	Venice	Show tunes
MD	300	300	300
Soloists/accomp.	2640	1120	670
Hall	385	350	218
Publicity/programme	323	210	184
Licence/PRS/other	96	74	108
Ticket sales	-2504	-1820	-1925
Refreshments (net)	-115	-121	-272
Total	1125	113	-717

Rehearsals, subscriptions and music	
MD/substitutes	4363
Accompanist	750
Hall	1082
Music	491
Subscriptions	-9657
Gift aid	-1725
Music	-715
Total	-5,411

Other exps/income	
Making Music/insurance	181
Bank fees	72
Music folders (net)	104
Website	36
Sponsorship from Town Council	-100

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Other exps/income	
Interest earned	-294
Other income	-29
Total	-30

Donations to the Centenary Fund	
Individual donations, incl. gift aid	-1,864
Singathon, incl. gift aid	-2,419
Just Good Company concert	-1,045
Miscellany concert	-684
Nailsea Community Trust	-1,000
Other donations	-100
Deposits for future events	-720
Total	7,832

Note: the number of subscribing members was 84.

The Accounts have been examined by D E Seabright, who writes 'I certify that these accounts are in accordance with the books and records of the Society for the year ended 31 July 2024'.