

Trustees Annual Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Wokingham Choral Society Registered Charity No. 274853

The Trustees: are as reported.

The Objectives and Activities of the Society: The objectives of the Society are to educate the public in the art and science of music, the presentation of concerts and other activities.

To achieve the objectives, funds are raised by charging annual subscriptions to the members, the sale of concert tickets to the public and society fund raising to enable the society to employ the services of the best possible professional Musical Directors, Rehearsal and Concert Accompanists, Concert Orchestras and Soloists.

Achievements and Performance of the Charity:

The 2022/23 season has been one of change with a new accompanist starting at the beginning of the season and the appointment of a new Director of Music. Unfortunately he was not able to start with The Society until the New Year, so guest Musical Directors were invited to take charge of the first two concerts, one being Brahms' wonderful Ein Deutsches Requiem and the other our traditional Christmas concert.

The Spring Concert was one of Baroque music by Vivaldi, Pergolesi and Monteverde, whilst the lighter Summer Concert was of Operatic and Musical Choruses.

Audience numbers remained low at the beginning of the season but by the end had picked up quite substantially.

Membership numbers were a little higher than for the previous season and it is hoped this trend will continue and The Society get back to its pre-Covid numbers.

Once again The Society was pleased to take part in town activities at Christmas when some of its members led the carol singing in the Market Place for the annual event of Dressing the Christmas Tree.

Wokingham Choral Society is a friendly and forward-looking choral society and though an auditioned choir it is open to anyone from 16 years upwards who meets the musical standard required.

Now in its eighth decade The Society strives to continue its long tradition of bringing high quality performances of the classical repertoire to the residents of Wokingham and its surrounds and to this end the 2023/24 season will start with a performance of Haydn's *Theresienmesse* and other smaller works.

Financial Review:

As ever and with continual rising costs, budgeting for a choral society is a concern so it is a relief to have finished the season with a modest profit.

The Society Reserves at 30 June 2023 stood at £46,601.00 and accounts are available to support this figure.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£		£	£
	Income:		
	Concerts:		
7,989	Ticket Sales	9,744	
591	Programmes	604	
---	Concert Refreshments	120	
1,347	Music - Choral	<u>2,289</u>	12,757
	Subscriptions:		
17,920	Members	18,935	
544	Patrons	594	
150	Friends	<u>210</u>	19,739
	Fund Raising:		
333	Coffee Sales	673	
656	100 Club	580	
54	Book Sales	11	
370	Raffles	558	
43	Easy Fundraising	14	
20	Amazon Smiles	36	
---	Come & Sing	4,105	
1,479	Quiz	---	
10	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	<u>7</u>	5,984
	Other:		
114	Folders	77	
1,423	Donations	1,072	
3,276	Gift Aid	3,378	
2,000	Sponsorship	1,000	
---	Grants	1,000	
5	Bank Interest	165	
1,645	Charity Collections	1,655	
600	Leaving Collection	375	
25	Miscellaneous Income	<u>125</u>	
		<u>8,847</u>	<u>8,847</u>
£ <u>40,594</u>	Total Income c/f		£ <u>47,327</u>

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<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£		£	£
£ 40,594	Income b/f		47,327
	Less Expenditure		
	Concerts:		
2,700	Conductor	2,800	
1,620	Accompanist	1,720	
3,500	Soloists	2,300	
10,522	Orchestras	7,006	
2,280	Venue	3,275	
714	Green Room	348	
100	Music Stands	100	
870	Instrument Hire	565	
210	Pre-Concert Talk	---	
150	Music : Orchestral	438	
1,228	Choral	2,525	
---	Concert Refreshments	67	
452	Printing: Programmes	354	
88	Flyers & Posters	160	
74	Tickets	71	
15	Miscellaneous	---	
---	Postage: Orchestral	38	
---	Choral	37	
71	Gifts	135	
518	Stage Transport	796	
207	PRS Fees	269	
714	Miscellaneous	<u>165</u>	
			23,169
	Rehearsals:		
5,776	Musical Director	5,942	
5,016	Accompanist	4,958	
3,470	Venue	<u>3,142</u>	
			14,042
	Fund Raising:		
---	Coffee	10	
315	100 Club	315	
---	Raffles	86	
---	Come & Sing	2,366	
977	Quiz	<u>---</u>	
			<u>2,777</u>
£ <u>41,587</u>	Expenditure c/f		£ <u>39,988</u>
£ 40,594	Income c/f		£ <u>47,327</u>

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<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£		£	£
40,594	Income b/f		47,327
41,587	Expenditure b/f	39,988	
123	General Administration;		
36	Advertising	271	
253	Printing, Postage & Stationery	20	
509	Insurance	263	
144	Subscriptions	533	
51	Zoom	144	
	Meeting Venue	<u>75</u>	
		1,306	
73	Other:		
97	Card Commission	76	
1,645	Folders	86	
600	Charity Payments	1,655	
---	Leaving Gift	375	
845	New MD Expenses	527	
85	Website Building	202	
	Miscellaneous	<u>298</u>	
		<u>3,219</u>	
<u>46,048</u>			<u>44,513</u>
£ (<u>5,454</u>)	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income		£ <u>2,814</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
564	Stock	259
5,125	Debtors and Pre-payments	2,120
2,381	Bank Accounts: Current Account	5,132
37,742	Reserve Accounts	40,728
<u>20</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>49</u>
£ 45,832		£ 48,288
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>2,045</u>	Creditors, Accruals and Receipts in Advance	<u>1,687</u>
£ <u>43,787</u>		£ <u>46,601</u>
£	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	£
49,241	Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2022	43,787
<u>---</u>	Plus: Profit for the Year	<u>2,814</u>
49,241		46,601
<u>5,454</u>	Minus: Loss for the Year	<u>---</u>
£ <u>43,787</u>	Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2023	£ <u>46,601</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS OF

WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023, and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023. I have also reviewed the accounting records kept by the charity. My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Dr F Curtis Ed D

5/8/23
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