

Larne Choral Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103933

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-18

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Society shall be the study and practice of choral and other music in order to educate the public by the presentation of concerts in sacred and secular works and other activities.

What the charity does: The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts,Cultural

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,317	£7,900	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Norma Margaret Sittlington		
Mr Ivan Hawthorne		
Mrs Elena Aceves-Cully		
Mrs Hazel Black		
Mrs Margaret White		
Mrs Patrica Gawn		
Mrs Sarah Mary Nixon		

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Income and Expenditure Statement

1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

INCOME

	23/24	22/23
Choir Fees	3,047.50	1,050.00
Donations (Teas)	512.50	281.00
HMRC – Gift Aid	281.40	564.38
Grants - Blackburn Trust		1,000.00
Mid & E. Antrim		1,445.00
Transfer from Youth Choir	696.79	
Misc	90.00	
Income from Concerts:		
Elaine Memorial Concert	3,150.00	
Carol Service	950.00	
Total Income	<u>8,728.19</u>	<u>4,340.38</u>

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Current a/c 1/4/23	<u>3,426.00</u>
	12,154.19

EXPENDITURE

	23/24	22/23
Use of Premises	1,575.84	559.74
Insurance	246.65	197.00
Conductors' fees	2,160.00	3,220.00
Music	85.38	63.00
Printing	230.00	62.46
Stationery-P. Copying	105.00	
Marie Curie	1,500.00	
Gifts	207.99	145.20
Auditor's fee	50.00	50.00
Big Sing Programme		1,490.00
Soloists & Accompanists	1,060.00	45.00
Travel	45.00	
Misc.	<u>85.65</u>	<u>162.00</u>
	<u>7,351.51</u>	<u>5,994.40</u>

Total expenditure	7,351.51
Current a/c 31/3/24	<u>4,802.68</u>
	12,154.19

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Annual report

LARNE CHORAL SOCIETY AGM May 28th 2024 :

Hon.Secretary's Report.

The season of 2023/24 has been another exciting and busy year for Larne Choral Society (LCS), under the continued encouraging direction of our Conductor ,Andrea (Blain).

Andrea called for practises to commence earlier than usual ,on August 1st.2023, in what has become our present “home “ ,at the Sandy Bay Pavilion,Larne. This was to complete in earnest preparation for the Memorial Concert for Elaine (Hawthorne),and commence practising for our Christmas concert ,simultaneously.

The Memorial Concert ,carefully planned by Ivan Hawthorne and thwarted in the previous year, finally came to fruition on Friday October 13th .,- auspiciously on what would have been Elaine's 60th.birthday -, in First Larne Presbyterian Church. It was a wonderful celebration and at the same time a very moving occasion, especially when the large audience joined with the choir and participating Mossgrove Singers, in singing “I Have a Dream “, with Mark McGrath ,PSNI Male Choir Conductor ,on Organ at the end. It was very fitting to have the Mossgrove Singers ,and PSNI Choir also perform in the programme,both having been led by Elaine. Amy Ogilby,Flute, and Robin Clinton,Cornet , also both closely associated with Elaine, gave wonderful solo renditions . The programme was Compered by Des Graham ,also long associated with Elaine and the choir. We were pleased to donate a substantial amount to Marie Curie Charity from the proceeds .

It was not then long until our Christmas Concert in St,Cedma's Church,Larne,on the “Winter's Night “ of Saturday Dec.2nd. Andrea had prepared a lovely programme of seasonal music enjoyed by the full audience and choir alike. There was a particular treat of the inaugural performance of the Larne Choral Youth Choir (LCYC), Directed by Anne McCambridge. Sporting their new choir T-shirts, the children wowed everyone with their unique sound and polished performance,culminating in a joyous rendition of “Walking in a Winter Wonderland “ with the adult choir and audience,complete with actions !.

After preparatory work over the summer , by Anne and a small volunteer “committee “ from LCS, the LCYC was finally launched on September 13th. with the first of their Friday night practices in Larne Market Yard Halls. 19 signed up children aged 7-11,from primary schools across the borough ,attended. Parents,and members of LCS,were treated to their first “mini” concert after practice on Friday Oct.27th. The choir continues to meet and practice under the generous voluntary Direction of Anne ,and Accompanist Richard Barnes. Plans are in place to recruit over the summer for next year's intake of children.

We were very fortunate to avail of the talents of Georgina McChesney as our Accompanist for practices leading up to ,and, the concerts themselves, and also at our participation at both Carrick and Larne Music Festivals on Sats.13th and 27th.April,respectively. Both were most enjoyable afternoons of singing and listening to other choirs, and learning from Adjudication, with the added bonus of picking up a joint 2nd and a 1st at Carrick, and a 3rd.at Larne.

Our final performance of the year was again in First Larne Church on May 10th.at our Spring concert, on the theme of “Home “. We were particularly indebted to Andrea for making it to conduct us while being far from well. This was just another example of the dedication she has shown to the choir throughout the year, not to mention the great fun at practices ! The LCYC also delighted everyone again with their beautiful singing of 4 “Home “ themed pieces,one of which - “Boglands “- composed by a friend of Anne's -, was a world premier performance .It was a great achievement by only 8 children who were able to take part.

We have been delighted to welcome several more new members to the choir this year,bringing our membership to 33.,They have all contributed greatly to the music and the friendship within the choir . Special mention must go to Gwen Dick who has returned to the Alto ranks after singing with ,and Accompanying, the choir for many years in the past.

Extra mural activities have included representation at the Mid and East Antrim Community Groups Cluster meetings. This has enabled us to network with the other local groups and organisations, and pool available resources , as well as promote the choir to the wider public at the

Community Fun Day in the Market Yard on September 9th. 2023.

Several members of the choir joined the rest of Larne to welcome the High School Band from Clover,USA, - Larne's twinned town- on March 13th.when they put on a spectacular display of music and marching through the town.

To conclude our musical year, several of us were able to take up the offer to the choir to attend a free concert by NI Opera Chorus in the Ulster Hall on May 18th. '24, which was a real treat. Rumour has it there may be plans for a choir outing in September to enjoy them in full performance in GOH Belfast.....

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DD Graham

13th. July 2024

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1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	22/23	21/22		22/23	21/22
Choir Fees	1,050.00	2,171.00	Use of Premises	559.74	149.77
Donations (Teas)	281.00	75.48	Insurance	197.00	193.00
HMRC – Gift Aid	564.38	<u>1,011.65</u>	Conductors' fees	3,220.00	
Grants - Blackburn Trust	1,000.00		Music	63.00	
- Mid & E. Antrim	<u>1,445.00</u>		Printing	62.46	
Total Income	4,340.38	3,258.13	Gifts	145.20	
			Auditor's fee	50.00	50.00
			Big Sing Programme	1,490.00	
			Soloists	45.00	
			Misc.	<u>162.00</u>	<u>7.96</u>
Total income	4,340.38		Total expenditure	5,994.40	
Current a/c 1/4/22	<u>5,080.02</u>		Current a/c 31/3/23	4,922.46	<u>400.73</u>
	9,420.40		O/s cheques	<u>-1,496.46</u>	
				9,420.40	

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LARNE CHORAL SOCIETY 2023 AGM :- HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT. The new season of 2022/2023 brought it's own challenges for Larne Choral Society, but as always, with a committed membership and good leadership, we overcame, and ended on a high note once again. During the summer recess of 2022, our then Conductor, Anne McCambridge, commenced her plans for the formation of a Larne Choral Youth Choir, (LCYC) with a successful application for a grant from the Blackburn Trust. In conjunction, Anne also planned The Big Sing for autumn 2022, and successfully applied for a post paid grant from M.E.A. Council. This one-off event was to encourage the whole local community, young and old alike, to participate in and enjoy singing. The event took place on 21st October daytime in Larne Town Hall for Primary School age children, and in the evening, at Larne Market Yard for adults. Although The Big Sing was a big success, and well attended, and all the children were invited to come along to subsequent LCYC practices, there was a very small response to the latter in early November. It was then decided to postpone until Jan. 2023, when the children would not be pre-occupied with AQE tests, school choir Christmas practices etc.. The launch has, however, subsequently been re-scheduled by Anne for Autumn 2023. On 3rd. September some of our members joined the Come and Sing Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man", in Belfast, which was a most enjoyable and moving experience. At the Committee meeting of August 4th. Anne had informed us that she had found an Accompanist for our practices for the new season, and we were very pleased to welcome Andrea Bain to play for us, at our first practice on September 13th. 2023. At the subsequent committee meeting of October 12th., Anne proposed that Andrea take over as Conductor of LCS, allowing her to concentrate on setting up the Youth Choir and her other musical commitments. We were delighted when Andrea accepted the proposal, and took her first practice on October 25th. With our Christmas concert booked for December 9th. in St. Cedma's Church, and the programme only just set by Andrea, and neither soloists nor Accompanist available, a very difficult decision to cancel/postpone for a year, was made by committee on November 17th.. To help allay the disappointment, and give us another "goal", choir and committee member Carol arranged for us to Carol (!) Sing at Ballygally Christmas Lights Switch -on December 9th. instead, when we sang the "World Premiere" of Andrea's arrangement of "The Holly and the Ivy", and other well known carols, along with the local community. Everyone cheerfully turned out in a gale force wind to the accompaniment of a raging sea. We were treated to warming refreshments afterwards, and all spirits were lifted by the evening. The gale then followed us to the Santa Steam Train at Whitehead on 18th. December when we enjoyed repeating our carols as the long queue of families waited patiently to sit with Santa in his sleigh. £110 was raised for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund, helped by a volunteer from the public who kindly took off down the queue with Hazel's collection bucket. Terry, John, and Gill (to her cost) did a valiant job holding down the gazebo. Practices recommenced on January 10th. 2023 and over the subsequent weeks we were delighted to welcome several new members across all four choir sections, taking us to a grand total of 31 for the first time in some years. We prepared in earnest for the planned Memorial Concert for Elaine set for April 28th, but yet again we were to be thwarted by an outbreak of Covid and other illness in the local community and the choir, which forced us to postpone the concert until Autumn 2023. (October 13th., set). We were grateful to Andrea for entering us into both Carrickfergus (March 20th. 2023) and Larne (April 29th.) Music Festivals. Despite reduced numbers, we were pleased to pick up a 2nd prize in the Adult Choral section at Carrick. Our pieces included unaccompanied "Let the Song Begin". The Larne Festival concluded our singing year. It was a most enjoyable afternoon with a great atmosphere, and some wonderful choirs and very talented young musicians to listen to. This was the first year for some time, that the Adult Choir section had been reinstated. Many of us listened at home to the fabulous music at King Charles' Coronation on May 6th., to inspire us for our next season.

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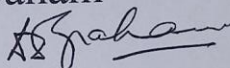
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