

St Ives Community Choir AGM 13th January 2015

Minutes

1) List of those present:

Alison Ashby	Angela Charleston	Barbara Warner
Chris Pearson	David Polkinghorne	Derek Churchward
Don Stevens	Heather Greaves	Jane Perkin
Jenny Duda	Joan Symons	Johanna Evans
Judith Tremelling	Kevin Thomas	Lauren Kenyon
Lesley Thomas	Lillian Polkinghorne	Lynda Morlaine
Lynda Thomas	Lynne Brereton	Malcolm Donaldson
Margaret Bailey	Margaret Garrood	Marguerite Butcher
Mary Whitemore	Maureen Stevens	Mike Laramy
Norma Churchward	Rose Buckley	Roy Brookes
Sandra Oliver	Sophie Wilkinson	Steve Bassett
Sue Doggett	Susan Pearson	Tricia Thomas
Vicky Taylor	William Thomas	

2) Apologies

Alan Thomas, Anne Bassett

3) 2014 Minutes were read and approved

Matters Arising

- Membership of the choir seems to be averaging around 33, which was the same as last year.
- Jenny had suggested a play centred around the evacuees, with war songs, which was then staged in August 2014.
- The post of MD had been advertised but there were no takers and the choir are pleased that William has continued in the post.
- The publicity of the choir has been taken on by Malcolm and Bill.
- Alan has taken over the role of web master and produced a very good website.
- Roy suggested that we sang "Silent Night" in German, which is what we did at Christmas.

4) Secretary's Report

Firstly I would like to thank Lynda who really does the job of the secretary leaving me to write up any minutes needed.

As we are all aware this has been our 10th anniversary and we celebrated with a dinner held at the West Cornwall Golf Club. I am sure we would all agree that it was a very enjoyable evening and the food was delicious.

If anyone has an idea for a social evening or fund raising please share it with any of the committee.

The choir has had another very successful year having performed in 7 concerts during the year and 10 over the festive season, with several thousand pounds raised for various charities.

Saturday	8 th February	St Uny	Children's Hospice SW
Sunday	6 th April	Carbis Bay Hotel	
Tuesday	1 st July	FSMC	Chernobyl Children's fund
Sunday	13 th July	Trewyn Gardens	The Big Gig
Sunday	3 rd August	CB MC	Harvest of The Sea
Tuesday	26 th August	Bedford Road Methodist	
Wednesday	17 th Sept	St Anta	Last night of the Proms

Christmas concerts were at Nancledra School, Rotary at the Parish Church, Trengwainton Gardens, Towednack Church, FOSS, Barclays Bank, Farmers Market and Carbis Bay Hotel.

Besides concerts, the Thespians in the choir performed another play, based on a fishing village during WW1. Our thanks go to Jenny for making this all happen and Johanna for liaising for us to use St John's Church. Proceeds from this were divided between the choir and Chernobyl Children

Our thanks go to Alan who has done a splendid job on the web site.

- Please see website report which is attached*

5) Treasurers Report

Total Income		£2,220.92
Total Expenditure		£1289.49
Excess of income over Expenditure		£ 931.43
Balance brought forward from 31/12/13		£1808.30
A/C balance at Lloyds	31/12/14	£2739.73
Balance carried forward to	01/01/15	£2739.73

See secretary for full balanced sheet for complete breakdown of accounts.

6) Musical Director's Report

William sees the job of the MD to blend voices together appropriate for the song, just as an artist paints. He needs to organise the choir to get the optimum sound. He needs to get the balance of the choir right so people may be have to be moved around at various concerts/venues. He stated that the sound is better when we have learnt the words and is asking for an effort to learn words to some of the songs and also to practise at home.

He saw the members of the choir to have rights and responsibilities and is asking for commitment as we need consistency going through the pieces.

He thanked Malcolm and Steve for helping with setting up and taking down of equipment, Lynda and Anne for the administration, Alan for the web site, Bill for photography, Malcolm for publicity, Jenny for the play, Trish for research for music and Donald and Maureen for taking the podium.

We all thanked Alison and wished her a happy special birthday.

We also had a letter of thanks from FOSS

7) Webmaster's Report

See attached sheet

8) Election of Officers

Secretary	Lynda
Treasurer	Lynda
Librarian	Anne
Musical Director	William
Accompanist	Alison
Committee	Lesley and Steve

9) Engagements for ensuing year

Proms at St Anta	18/09/2015
Hellesveor	27/11/2015

10) AOB

- Secretary to write to Rotary to suggest that we would not be participating this year. It was felt that it should be more geared to the children.
- Alison suggested visiting the hospitals next Christmas but it was pointed out that the patients would probably be in bed.
- A suggestion was maybe we could sing outside Tesco.
- An advertisement to go into the Cornishman to advertise when we were doing anything, including the website.
- Sue said that the offer was still there if we wanted to cut a CD and that we could build one up slowly.
- Joan has offered to host a BBQ in the summer.
- Roy pointed out that singing at the Farmer's Market was not good. People weren't listening and the set up on the stage was poor.
- There was a suggestion again about touring with the choir. Donald and Maureen would look into this.

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Tuesday, 12th January 2016

THE ST. IVES COMMUNITY CHOIR ACCOUNTS 2014 REPORT

- We started 2014 with £1,808.30.
- Thanks to Jenny's World War II Play and your support with buying tickets we raised £586.33 after expenses. £300 of that was donated to The Chernobyl Children. Together with the funds raised at The Fore Street Concert, this brings the total donation to The Chernobyl Children to £850.27.
- We paid out £178.09 for Public Liability and Keyboard insurances and our Website Domain Registration.
- Superact paid us £400 for Our Big Gig at Trewyn Gardens and collection buckets raised another £41.50 which left us with a profit of £396.50 after expenses.
- Lynne and Noel kindly hosted a social evening which raised £33.
- We had a donation of £25 from Trengwainton.
- The collection at Barclays Bank was £20.79.
- Purchase and replacement of music has cost £35.40.
- Rent for the Chapel has been £480.
- £1,075.30 was paid in subscriptions.
- £200 was donated by the family as a thank you for the choir singing at the 70th wedding anniversary. This will be included in the 2015 accounts.
- The total amount we have raised for charities via concerts is over £2,500.
- The final total in the bank to start 2015 is £2,739.73.

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Website report January 13th 2015

Firstly, may I give my **apologies** for my absence this evening? I will also be at fewer practices as I have a place in the Virgin London Marathon on 26th April and will often be training on Tuesdays with Hayle Runners. However, I am still very much a part of the choir.

- The website has 18 pages with a separate login for members.
- There is also a separate page for use by play members.
- The website has been visited 3312 times
 - In December 2014 there were 287 'hits'
 - So far this month (Jan '15) there have been 74 'hits'
- The website is kept up to date with a number of useful and interesting items: E.g.
 - all the concerts and photos
 - other events such as the play and anniversary dinner
 - new additions to the portfolio
 - easy to follow print outs of some pieces
 - mp3 recordings of songs or song parts
- Comments are encouraging and positive.
- The website is also a growing archive with everything central and freely available
- Recently, a FAQs page was added that may help potential new members.

Recommendations

- In all future concerts where there is a programme the website should be clearly visible
- At all concerts the website should be advertised verbally
- Members to advertise the website by word of mouth

Thanks

To thank Bill Thomas for all the photographic material

To William and Lynda for their suggestions and proof reading

To all those in the choir who have shown enthusiasm for the benefits of the website

Conclusion

I am happy to continue as the webmaster for the next year should the committee wish me to do so.

Monday, 12 January 2015