



# Macclesfield MYDEL Choir



## AGM

29th October 2019, 7.15pm

held at Broken Cross Methodist Church,  
Macclesfield

### **Present:**

Carolyn Wolfenden (chair), Ann Cole, Mabel Harvey, Lis Bentley, Anne Grundy, Kath Portlock, Viv Hopkinson, Linda Taylor, Lesley Batchelor, Roma Cook, Anne Furphy, Maureen Smith, Barbara Tatton, Joy Wilson, Jan Toft,

### **Apologies**

Louise Copley, Jean Snaith, Gill Emptage, Barbara Tatton

### **Minutes of 2018** were available

These were accepted as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Viv Hopkinson, Seconded by Kath Portlock

### **Matters arising:** None

### **Chair Report:**

Carolyn gave a verbal report. She thanked our new MD Anna Beresford and new pianist Phil for steering us through the concert in September with very little rehearsal time.

The year started in October 2018 with a Gilbert and Sullivan singing day which was fairly well attended and enjoyed by all, but did not produce any new members.

We were welcomed at Miller's Court, retirement complex in December 2018 for an evening of carols.

In April 2019 we had the privilege of sharing the "All in the April evening" concert with the Macclesfield Light Orchestra. Matthew Quinn had done a couple of very good arrangements so that the choir could sing with the orchestra. The orchestra has expressed interest in another concert. Other than that, the choir was very disappointed in its own performance as our regular pianist was unable to attend at extremely short notice. A donation from the proceeds of the concert was given to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Make Music Day was a great success on June 21st, when we joined forces with community choirs and a recorder group for a light hearted evening of music.

We were sad to lose Matthew Quinn at the end of the Summer term but wish him well in his new role, but we are delighted to welcome Anna Beresford as our new MD.

Anna also conducts the Smithy Belles choir in Hazel Grove, which presents a great opportunity to share music.

There was again discussion about how to increase membership, funds and people willing to sell tickets for concerts.

### **Treasurer's report:** Attached

Roma Cook emphasised that a small choir means a smaller fanbase and difficulty selling tickets for concerts. It will be necessary this year to find another source of income.

She also mentioned that Gift Aid is decreased because membership is significantly down.



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A proposal from the floor to raise subs was agreed unanimously and the amount of £40 per term (£120 per year) from September 2020 was also agreed unanimously. The chair added that those who pay termly have the option to incorporate the increase as from next term if they so wish.

### **Musical Director's report:**

Anna said:

- I have felt very welcomed and trusted coming into my role as MD this year, thank you!
- Congratulations on such a successful concert in October.
- I can offer help with facebook/ other social media if you'd like.
- The website MD and pianist page need to be updated.
- I can give the choir whatever approach you would like: singing for fun, in order to improve, for concerts, for charities, new music, old music, off copy, reading music, in two or three or four parts. Whatever you would like, so the aim of the choir can be clear.'

### **Election of Officers**

There have been no new nominations or offers to serve on the committee

The treasurer, having fulfilled extra time on the committee is now resigning. There were no immediate offers to fill this role, although one member is considering it.

Kath Portlock offered to join the committee. her specific role would be Social Media). This was proposed by Ann Cole and seconded by Linda Taylor

Continuing are:

Chair: Carolyn Wolfenden

Music Librarian: Lis Bentley:

Secretary: Lesley Batchelor

Deputy Treasurer: Linda Taylor/catering

Membership secretary: Ann Cole

A vote of thanks to the committee was proposed by Viv Hopkinson and seconded by Joy Wilson. They added that we are blessed with phenomenal qualities in our MD and Pianist.

**Any Other Business:** Members were reminded about the Easy Fundraising Website (where online purchases qualify for a rebate for a chosen charity).

The meeting closed at 8.15pm