

Steering Group Meeting 17/5/26 6pm

Attendees: Carol, Kate, Chris, Ruth, Suzee, Sheila, Pam, Ian (joined at 6.30pm)

Apologies: Karen, Holly

- 1) Minutes from previous meeting were agreed.
- 2) We have 40 copies of the old version of Les Miserables, which we need to sell on. Ian suggested using either Gerontius.net or Making Music.
- 3) We discussed the business fair. Majority felt that because it had not resulted in any new members joining us, we would not necessarily want to attend the next one. Carol suggested we see when it will be and reassess at the time.
- 4) Pizza Evening 15th July:
 - Howard needs the money by 4th July - £10 per person, with a £350 minimum. Agreed that choir funds would cover any shortfall if we have fewer than 35 people in attendance.
 - Kate to mention in the next subs email – keep the date free, no subs due, sign-up sheet at next rehearsal.
 - Carol to circulate sign-up sheet and include dietary requirements.
 - We will say bring your own drinks (can be alcoholic).
 - SG to provide green salad (decide quantity when we know how many people will be attending)
 - We will use the round tables. Carol has napkins and tablecloths.
 - Need to think about entertainment for the evening. Suggestions included a quiz, karaoke and music bingo. Ruth to look into the bingo.
- 5) Upcoming performances:
 - MK Festival 13th June
 - We will perform Forever Country (need PMLL stickers), A Little Bit of Love, Let The River Run (Ian to buy 10 more copies), Les Miserables (shortened version).
 - Ian to ask Craig if he can accompany / conduct us again.
 - We also need PMLL stickers for the following, for upcoming performances: We Will Rock You, Sing, Africa, Viva La Vida.
 - HVH Fundraiser 5th July, performances 2.30pm and 7.30pm.
 - Capacity of the hall is 200 standing, 150 seated. Plan to sell 80 seated tickets for each performance, so this should be fine even with H&S plus another choir performing.
 - We want an accompanist for this event. We need to know their fee and Ian's fee.
 - We have the hall from 12-10pm. Set up from midday, rehearse 1-2pm before first performance at 2.30pm.

- For each performance we will have two choirs (Ian to invite Greens Norton to one performance and Blisworth & Hunsbury to the other) singing 4 joint songs, two solo / duets, as well as the choirs singing their own songs.
 - Choir(s) to bake cakes
 - Two raffles – one for each performance.
 - HVH to sell tickets via ticketsource.
 - Holly is working on a poster.
 - Choir to wear uniform.
 - Towcester Music Festival – no cost to the choir for this.
- 6) Equipment for the choir. We agreed to purchase a speaker bundle, mixer, two SM58s microphones, two small diaphragm microphones, four cables. Ian and Kate to liaise over this order. Ian will donate microphone stands and have the old speaker in return.
- 7) Possible future events:
- Midnight Moss 26th June 10-11pm – we will not do this
 - Scarecrow Festival 19th/20th September – we will not do this
 - HVH Craft Fair Saturday 14th November – we will do this
 - Hartwell Tree Lighting Saturday 5th December (already booked)
 - Merryfield House Care Home – Carol to speak to them and say we could come on afternoon of 5th December.
 - Christmas Concert Friday 11th December (already booked)
- 8) AOB
- John has offered to host another picnic in late August. Sheila and Suzee to liaise with him.
 - Suzee asked if we could try changing the location of seating in the hall for rehearsals. Agreed to try at next rehearsal to see if it gives people more space. Ian near windows by car park, choir fanned round more widely than current configuration.

Next meeting Friday 26th June