

MHC AGM Chair's Report 2017

Christmas last year in the Town Hall took on a slightly different slant with the introduction of a tableau in music and words, written by Jeanette Winterson and narrated by our own choir member Mark Reynolds. Our audience attendance was pretty good overall, approximately 450 each performance, none the less we have capacity of around 900 for each performance.

Spring rapidly followed on with a concert in St John's and St Peter's Church with Ladywood ARC. There we had a programme demonstrating the power of music with its different dimensions that have evolved over the centuries. We were delighted to welcome back a long-time friend of the choir, Soprano Helen Winter along with Tenor Kieran Jones and Organist Gavin Bateman. Attendance was a little disappointing, but we enjoyed singing nevertheless.

The summer performance at Bournville Parish Church, St Francis of Assisi was given not only for members to enjoy singing but also for our audience to sally forth and join us in the pleasure of singing too. One of the driving forces for this concert was to raise funds for organ repairs. We were privileged to have Trevor Workman, organist at St Francis to accompany us along with Bournville Junior School Choir and Hand Bell Group, plus Bournville Strings.

The coloured T shirts worn during the second half had a great visual effect and certainly worked well for us. It is always a pleasure to have Claire Vaughan and the Bournville Children's Choir they were just amazing as always.

So here we are cracking ahead with rehearsing for our Christmas Concert. The number of members singing is slightly down but let us hope for a big audience at both performances to make it all worthwhile. Let your enthusiasm for singing be matched with your "singing of praise" for our concert to everyone you know and tell them ticket prices range from £10 to £23, much better than having a meal out in a restaurant!

Our aims are simple: to enjoy singing, for our audiences to enjoy listening and to raise money for our charity CLIC Sargent. That said the most important thing to us, as individuals, and as a team is to give the best performance of our lives and enjoy the experience of a great success.

Looking forward to next year, we have an exciting project taking shape. Instead of our Spring Concert we will be joining forces with other choirs, principally Canoldir and Phoenix, but also some children's choirs for a massed choral event in Symphony Hall. A committee has been formed by the 3 choirs to take the project forward and contracts for the venue etc are well in progress. Currently, Susan and myself and to a lesser degree David (who will be our Production Manager) are involved and others will be playing parts as and when required. James is the MD and the main piece being performed will be "Dewi Sant" a work by Karl Jenkins. It is hoped, but not confirmed that Karl Jenkins will attend.

So interesting times ahead which I hope will spur you on to stay with us next year and for a new experience of singing in Symphony Hall.

Huge thanks to James for all his help, encouragement and patience in getting us through some amazing concerts and driving us forward to greater things. There has been a lot of concern the beginning of this season, and at a personal level and one that is shared by everyone in the choir, it is so good to have James well down the road to recovery and back with us. We also need to thank Melissa for her amazing piano skills and patience, ploughing through the same bars time after time until we get things right. To the many folk who have contributed to the little jobs that need doing from time to time, whether it is Rob, Mike x 2, Tony for putting chairs out and away, or the lifesaving Tea Ladies who keep us lubricated at rehearsals, I thank you all.

My personal thanks to the members of the committee and to you the choir members.

Finance

This has been a successful year for the choir in terms of Finance as we ended the year with a surplus of £2,515 enabling us to donate £2,500 to CLIC Sargent in September this year.

Looking at the figures in more detail, firstly the Christmas Concert 2016 brought in a surplus of £3,434 with total income of £14,962 and cost of £11,529. Within that ticket sales through the choir were £8,371 with another £7,446 at the Town Hall Box Office. However, Town Hall costs were £8,503 to give the net cost owed to the Town Hall.

Spring concert unfortunately showed a deficit of £1,507 as we were unable to cover the nearly £6,000 cost of staging the concert.

Summer concert likewise suffered a deficit of £237 but that is probably small in comparison to the £1,100 raised for the church.

Looking at General Income and expenses it's worth noting that we recovered £1,825 in Gift Aid. The majority of the costs were on Library music but it's worth considering that as an investment for future use.

Overall then it's been a relatively good year financially for the Choir and well done to everyone that has supported us through it. We have managed to raise £3,452 for CLIC Sargent plus another £2,500 donated this year, and £1,106 for St Francis Church. No mean feat I think.

MIDLANDS HOSPITALS' CHOIR

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR 12 MONTHS TO 31st AUGUST 2017

RECEIPTS	£	£	PAYMENTS	£	£
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2016					
Registrations	4,435.00		Rehearsal Conductor	2,200.00	
Tickets	8,371.00		Asst Rehearsal Conductor	140.00	
Tea Money	444.20		Accompanist	1,035.00	
Programmes	1,413.50		Rehearsal Venues	919.25	
Raffle	105.00		Music	80.00	
Merchandise	143.90		Concert Conductor	800.00	
			Musicians/Solists	4,130.00	
			Flyers	133.80	
			Programmes	686.51	
			Advertising	200.00	
			Gifts	38.00	
			Drinks	53.80	
			Flowers	55.00	
			Town Hall Deficit	1,057.36	
		<u>14,912.60</u>			<u>11,528.72</u>
			Surplus	3,383.88	
SPRING CONCERT 2017					
Registrations	2,555.00		Conductors Fees	2450.00	
Tea Money	372.60		Rehearsal Conductor	100.00	
Tickets	960.00		Accompanist	1050.00	
Raffle	102.00		ARC	440.00	
Programmes	121.50		Rehearsal Venues	924.75	
			Tickets	50.84	
			Soloists	550.00	
			Flyers	70.00	
			Programmes & Hymn sheets	76.88	
Fun day	586.00		Flowers & Gifts	52.50	
			Fun Day	464.75	
		<u>4,697.10</u>			<u>6,229.72</u>
Deficit	-1,532.62				
SUMMER CONCERT 2017					
Registrations	2,450.00		Conductor's fees	1,976.33	
Tea money	249.10		Rehearsal Venues	969.75	
Tickets	1,215.00		Rehearsal Accompanists	780.00	
Programmes	180.40		Concert Fees	250.00	
			Concert Accompanist	150.00	
			Tickets	56.21	
			Concert Gifts	60.60	
			Flyers & Programmes	89.43	
		<u>4,094.50</u>			<u>4,332.32</u>
Deficit	-237.82				
GENERAL INCOME/EXPENSES					
Donations to Choir	112.00		Stationery etc	315.82	
Friends of Choir	210.00		Other General Expenses	80.50	
Donations to CLIC	288.78		Second hand choir books	13.04	
Carol Books	128.00		Library Music	1,141.91	
Music Loan	75.00		Choir Insurance	189.38	
Folders	69.00		NAC	53.00	
Cheesy Quiz (Incl Raffle)	208.40		Cheesy Quiz	60.00	
Christmas Collection	120.00		Collection	120.00	
Carnations	6.00		CLIC Sargent	50.00	
Other			Web Host + JF Web site	111.86	
Gift Aid	1,825.04		Publicity	6.96	
Bank Interest	1.50				
		<u>3,043.72</u>			<u>2,142.47</u>
			Surplus	901.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,747.92		TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,233.23	
			Surplus Receipts	<u>2,514.69</u>	
		<u>26,747.92</u>		<u>26,747.92</u>	
Funds					
Balance b/f 31.08.16	11,895.92		Represented By:		
Surplus on Accounts	<u>2,514.69</u>		General Account 31.08.17	10,402.92	
Total Funds	<u>14,410.61</u>		Savings Account 31.08.17	<u>4,007.69</u>	
				<u>14,410.61</u>	
Donations to CLIC Sargent					
	£				
Bucket Collection Xmas 2016	2,833				
Christmas Card sales	224				
Sue Hill's Coffee morning	100				
Hilary Price Erdington Methodist	142				
Indirect	65				
Summer concert	39				
Xmas for Gemini Brass	50				
	<u>3,452</u>				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: Milelands Hospital Choir.

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2017

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. E. Rice.

Date:

20/6/2018

Name:

S. E. RICE.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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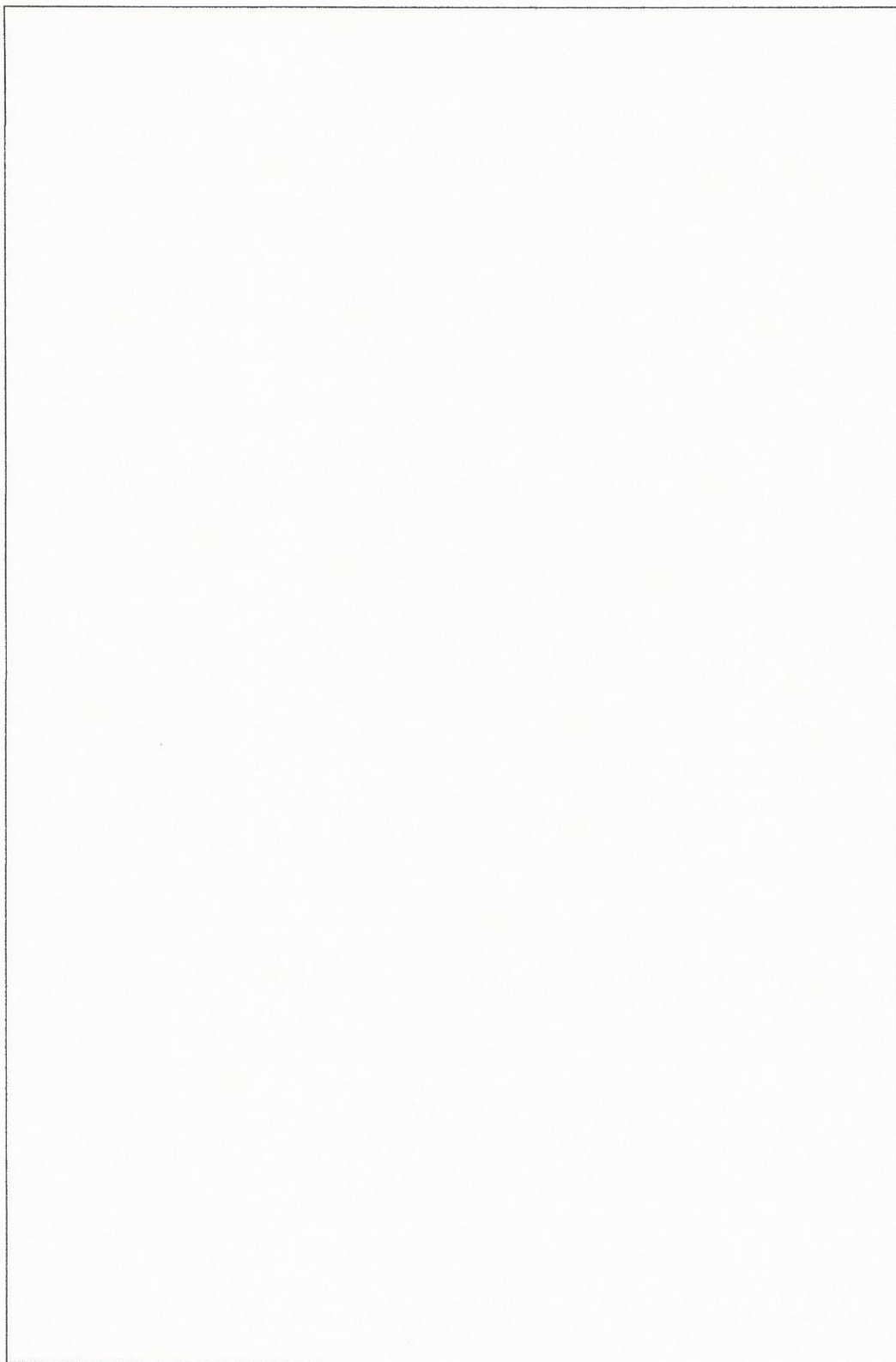
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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	2016-17	2015-16			
CHRISTMAS CONCERT					
Registrations	4,435.00	4,635.00	Rehearsal Conductor	2,200.00	2,150.00
Tickets	8,371.00	9,152.00	Asst Rehearsal Conductor	140.00	188.00
Tea Money	444.20	482.85	Accompanist	1,035.00	1,060.00
Programmes	1,413.50	1,525.85	Rehearsal Venues	919.25	919.25
Raffle	105.00	153.00	Music	80.00	
Merchandise	143.90	64.65	Concert Conductor	800.00	800.00
Music Books		132.00	Musicians/Solists	4,130.00	3,300.00
Town Hall Balance		506.68	Flyers	133.80	177.60
			Programmes	686.51	560.00
			Advertising	200.00	220.00
			Gifts	38.00	162.80
			Drinks	53.80	
			Flowers	55.00	
			Town Hall Deficit	1,057.36	
	14,912.60	16,652.03		11,528.72	9,537.65
			Surplus	3,383.88	7,114.38
SPRING CONCERT 2017					
Registrations	2,555.00	3,220.00	Conductors Fees	2450.00	2,010.00
Tea Money	372.60	299.20	Rehearsal Conductor	100.00	120.00
Tickets	960.00	890.00	Accompanist	1050.00	880.00
Raffle	102.00		ARC	440.00	412.00
Programmes	121.50	123.60	Rehearsal Venues	924.75	679.25
			Tickets	50.84	49.76
			Soloists	550.00	450.00
			Flyers	70.00	120.00
			Programmes & Hymn sheets	76.88	51.00
Fun day	586.00	512.00	Flowers & Gifts	52.50	33.00
	4,697.10	5,044.80	Fun Day	464.75	459.25
Deficit	-1,532.62	-219.46		6,229.72	5,264.26
SUMMER CONCERT 2017					
Registrations	2,450.00	1,650.00	Conductor's fees	1,976.33	1,890.00
Tea money	249.10	269.25	Rehearsal Venues	969.75	739.25
Tickets	1,215.00	350.00	Rehearsal Accompanists	780.00	990.00
Programmes	180.40	143.00	Concert Fees	250.00	200.00
			Concert Accompanist	150.00	
			Tickets	56.21	39.86
			Concert Gifts	60.60	38.00
			Flyers & Programmes	89.43	125.00
	4,094.50	2,412.25		4,332.32	4,022.11
Deficit	-237.82	-1,609.86			
GENERAL INCOME/EXPENSES					
Donations to Choir	112.00	133.57	Stationery etc	315.82	280.15
Friends of Choir	210.00	275.00	Other General Expenses	80.50	62.32
Donations to CLIC	288.78	440.06	Second hand choir books	13.04	
Carol Books	128.00		Library Music	1,141.91	1,046.44
Music Loan	75.00		Choir Insurance	189.38	188.53
Folders	69.00	102.00	NAC	53.00	52.00
Cheesy Quiz (Incl Raffle)	208.40	191.00	Cheesy Quiz	60.00	120.00
Christmas Collection	120.00	127.30	Collection	120.00	150.00
Carnations	6.00	5.00	CLIC Sargent	50.00	3,874.30
Other			Web Host + JF Web site	111.86	124.36
Gift Aid	1,825.04	2,037.72	Publicity	6.96	
Bank Interest	1.50	2.00			
	3,043.72	3,313.65		2,142.47	5,898.10
Deficit		-2,584.45	Surplus	901.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS					
	26,747.92	50,431.69	TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,233.23	56,558.62
Deficit		6,126.93	Surplus	2,514.69	
TOTAL	26,747.92	56,558.62	TOTAL	26,747.92	56,558.62
Funds					
Balance b/f 31 August	11,895.92	12,853.95	Represented By:		
Surplus/Deficit on Accounts	2,514.69	-958.03	General Account 31 August	10,402.92	7,889.73
			Savings Account 31 August	4,007.69	4,006.19
Total Funds	14,410.61	11,895.92	Total	14,410.61	11,895.92
			Variance	0.00	0.00

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