## **Derby & Burton Hospitals Choir – Spring Newsletter**

First a big thank you to all those who helped us put on our December 2022 concert – whether it was taking part, lending music, working behind the scenes, buying a ticket or just sending us encouragement and support!

In the Spring Newsletter the committee has 4 exciting things to say!

- 1. The December 2022 concert raised enough money to both create a float for the coming year and to be able to donate £1000 to the Hospital Diabetes and Endocrinology Department a really good result especially considering we only began planning in September. This donation is on top of the £2400 given to Air Ambulance and £2400 given to Derbyshire Blood Bikes at the request of the outgoing committee. The cheque will be presented at the AGM.
- 2. We have the Hospital Choir's music back in our possession! We also have kind permission from the Derby & Burton Hospitals Trust to continue to use the store room in the Florence Nightingale Community Hospital until further notice.
- 3. The 2023 Christmas Concert will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at St. Alkmund's Church, Kedleston Road (which seats up to 400 people); rehearsals will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St. John's Methodist Church, Allestree. Make a note in your diary! More details will be available later in the year.
- 4. The 2023 AGM will be held on Friday 14th April at St. Alkmund's Church, Kedleston Road. The evening begins at 7pm with a social (coffee/tea & biscuits) and the presentation of the £1000 cheque to Jill Matthews, Chief Officer of Derby & Burton Hospitals Charity (a photo opportunity for us all...). This gives you a chance to see our next concert venue and to meet Jill Matthews, who is looking forward to meeting you. The AGM itself will start at 7.30pm.

### **AGM Directions & Parking**

St. Alkmund's Church is on Kedleston Road - on the right heading out of Derby about 100 yards beyond the 5-Lamps / Duffield Road A6 junction – it is a distinctive modern building with a narrow spire.

Some parking for the AGM is available at the church itself and we also have permission to use the "ATS Tyres" car-park just across the road.

I know that not everyone has access to email, or checks their email frequently, so do make your Hospital Choir friends aware of these dates.

#### **AGM business**

It is only about 6 months so since the previous AGM, therefore we propose this year (as a one-off) to hold a "vote of confidence in the current committee" rather than hold elections – and we will ask you at the AGM whether you agree to this idea. The constitution says that the 3 officers (chairman treasurer and secretary) are elected every 4 years, and three of the 9 other committee members should step down each year by rotation, but this was for a committee of 12 or more and we only have 7 anyway.. We can of course co-opt anyone who would like to help the committee.

Your committee is looking at revising the constitution to:-

- a) prevent a recurrence of the difficulties we experienced last year,
- b) ensure it is suitable to allow us to become a registered charity.

and this will include a revision of the election requirements to enable a full election each year.

The accounts will be presented for the half-year the current committee has been in office, but they will not have been audited by the time of the AGM. We would like to have the accounts audited or examined by someone, so if you know of someone who may be able to help then let us know – perhaps for the next financial year.

#### AGM Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of last AGM (September 2022)
- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report (see last page)
- Approval of meeting to hold a "vote of confidence" in the current committee
- Election of committee members (in case vote of confidence not agreed)
- Constitution update
- Any other business

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**Best Wishes** 

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# Derby Hospitals Choir - Accounts 1-Sept-2022 to 22-March-2023

Assets on	1-September 2022	
	Community Account	819.77
	Savings Account	4059.89
	Total assets	4879.66
Restarting	g Costs	
	Previous Chairman Expenses	-80.00
	Donation Air Ambulance	-2400.00
	Donation Derbyshire Blood Bikes	-2400.00
	2022 AGM surplus (£1 donations less venue cost)	5.50
	Total costs	-4874.50
Total Asso	ets after restart costs	5.16
Concert		
	Subscriptions (52 members)	520.00
	Tickets sales - cash (138)	1380.00
	Tickets sales - Online (14)	128.24
	Donation towards refreshments	150.00
	Audience Donations on Concert Night	241.23
	Total Concert income	2419.47
	Derby DataDiary Advertising (2-years)	-10.00
	Public Liability Insurance	-56.00
	St. John's Methodist Church hire 2022 (estimate)	-434.00
	Refreshments	-88.69
	Total Concert Expenditure (estimate)	-588.69
	Concert Net Profit (estimate)	1830.78
	Donation to Diabetes & Endocrinology	-1000.00
	Concert Profit after donation (estimate)	830.78
Total Assets after restart		5.16
	Bank Interest	0.79
	Concert Profit (estimate)	830.78
	Predicted Assets 14-April	836.73
Bank bala	nce 22-March 2023	
	Community Account	1266.94
	Savings Account	3.79
	Total assets 22-March	1270.73
	Estimated Liabilities	-434.00
	Predicted Assets 14-April	836.73

(Figures in blue are estimates based on approximate St. John's Cost)