



Spring 2026 Newsletter

A Happy, Healthy New Year to all members, family and friends. It's not quite Spring yet, but here is an update, an invitation and an early warning to keep the dates.

2025 Concert Result

Well done to everyone, with a special mention for Kevin, accompanist, David, musical director and our compere, Richard Moulder. Also particular thanks to Darcy Partington who played the harp so beautifully, to Joseph Attenborough for his contribution on the guitar and to our drummer, Stephen Dickinson. You can now hear yourselves on our website!

You made the concert another great success and raised £3500! We are donating £3000 to Cancer Care at the Hospital and £500 to the Air Ambulance. You may have noticed this is slightly down from last year but we did sell slightly fewer tickets (258 rather than 284), purchase two new pieces of music and incur increased venue costs. Our accounts remain healthy and will be available at the AGM.

AGM & Social

This year the Annual General Meeting will take place at **St. John's Methodist Church**, Birchover Way, DE22 2QL on **Wednesday 8th April 2026**. Once again we hope you will come early as this gives everyone a chance to get to know others in the choir that they may not get to speak with during very busy rehearsals. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm, and the AGM will start at 7.30pm.

Many thanks to Shirley Searson for being our Treasurer since the choir reformed. As she has stood down, we thank both Diann and Ruth for offering to take on this important role and are pleased to report that Diann will be standing for Treasurer and Ruth has agreed to join the Committee. All existing members of the committee are willing to continue, however there are still places available. If you feel able to contribute in this way, do speak to David or any other committee member. You may also wish to offer help without being a committee member.

As our financial year closes at the end of February the audited accounts will be available for the AGM along with other documents. Look out for these late March.

We hope to select the 2026 beneficiary at the AGM so that people know who it will be in good time and publicity can be prepared. The committee have proposed that there just be one beneficiary this time, related to the hospital. If you have ideas for beneficiaries, then please let me know as soon as possible so that a short list can be compiled before the meeting.



Concert 2026

Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert 2026 will take place at **7.30pm at St. John's Methodist Church**, Birchover Way, DE22 2QL, as usual, starting on **Wednesday 9th September 2026**.

Although other options have been considered the 2026 Christmas concert will again take place **at St. Alkmund's Church**, 40 Kedleston Road, DE22 1GU, at 7.30pm on **Friday 4th December 2026**.

We would like to grow the choir slightly, and voices of all parts are welcome - please spread the word to fellow singers and do let us know if you have any ideas for recruitment.

Finally

Don't forget the website where you can listen to past concerts (now including 2025) and in due course find the practice pieces for 2026.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

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