

Ipswich Hospital Community Choir

Annual Report 2023

The choir management committee is happy to present this report to the membership to cover the choir's activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and the financial report for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Management and operations

Thankfully 2022/23 was a year free from Covid restrictions and choir activities were able to proceed as normal. During Covid the choir lost a number of members. Some re-joined when rehearsals were live and there was also an influx of new members to bring numbers back to where they were pre-covid.

Recruitment of new members was aided by an open evening, specifically designed to allow those interested to come along and try out. This was largely successful and quite a few of those who came returned in subsequent weeks to join the choir.

As the number of members had increased to pre-covid levels, the committee took the decision to reduce the weekly subscription back to £3 per week as it was before Covid.

The committee continued to meet regularly. Unfortunately Val McMahon felt that she was unable to continue in the role of Events Coordinator and stood down. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Val for the work that she put in to this role.

Much of the work of the committee during this year has been to organise the events to celebrate the choir's 10th anniversary. A party was held in January to which past-members were invited. A good number attended along with many of the current members and the feedback was that it was enjoyed by all. The 10th anniversary concert (see below) also took up quite a bit of committee time. Members should be aware of the extra work that was taken on by some committee members to liaise with the band and venue, run the very successful raffle and not forgetting the vital role of Nick, our Musical director to put together the arrangements with the St Peter's Band. The event raised the sum of £1358. This has been divided evenly between the hospital's Children's Appeal and The Jess Grant Celebration along with the charitable donation from the choir funds (as detailed in the choir's financial instructions).

Performances

Much of the rehearsal time from September onwards was spent refreshing and learning new pieces for the Christmas period. These were performed once again at the Christmas Shopping and Pamper evening in Kesgrave Community Centre at the end of November. The other Christmas performance was the St Elizabeth's Hospice remembrance service in St Mary Le Tower Church where the choir led the carols and performed several pieces to support the event.

As stated above, the key event of the 10th Anniversary Celebration was the concert in May 2023 at St Peter's on the Waterfront with the St Peter's Band. This was the first time that the choir had taken the lead in organising its own concert. The choir repertoire consisted of songs from key moments from the last 10 years culminating in a debut performance of a medley from the musical, Les Miserables. This was a notable first for the choir as it included several solos by choir members and built to a climax with the band, including an encore of the final section followed by a standing ovation.

The last concert in the period covered by this report was at Ipswich Music Day in the Masonic Hall. The Les Miserables medley again went down very well and showed those present the current quality of the choir.

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Below are the accounts for the period ending December 31st 2022. These show the choir has recovered from the loss of income during the Covid period and the committee have agreed to continue to monitor income against expenditure and adjust the subscriptions accordingly. It should be noted that a percentage of any "profit" is donated to a hospital charity as part of our on-going support for the Ipswich Hospital.

Overall the choir has finished the year in a strong position both in terms of membership, finance and most importantly, musically.

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Profit And Loss Account / Balance Sheet 31-Dec-22

Statement Of Income And Expenditure 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
- Voluntary Choir Subscriptions Received	0.00	0.00
- Member Subscriptions	4,933.00	1,836.00
- Charitable Donations	10.00	0.00
- Contributions To Costs	594.34	68.01
- Uniform Payments / File deposits / printing	0.00	71.06
	<u>5,537.34</u>	<u>1,975.07</u>
Expenditure		
- Choirmaster's Fees / Expenses	(4,120.00)	(1,940.00)
- Stationery	(41.98)	0.00
- Subscriptions	(50.00)	(25.00)
- IT Costs	(148.00)	(135.00)
- Equipment / Uniform	(402.48)	(57.00)
- Insurance	(144.00)	(141.00)
- Charitable Donation	(113.30)	1.20
- Gifts	0.00	(35.00)
- Competition Costs	(5.00)	0.00
- Travel and Event Costs	(286.99)	0.00
	<u>(5,311.75)</u>	<u>(2,331.80)</u>
Net Income / Expenditure For The Period Transferred To Reserves	<u>225.59</u>	<u>(356.73)</u>

Statement Of Assets And Liabilities As At 31 December 2022

Assets		
- Clothing Stock	457.80	277.76
- Bank Balance	5,130.99	5,054.14
- Cash In Hand	0.00	0.00
Liabilities		
- Amounts Owed To Suppliers	(280.00)	(240.00)
- Subscriptions In Advance	(940.00)	(1,062.00)
- Other Creditors	(113.30)	0.00
Total Net Assets	<u>4,255.49</u>	<u>4,029.90</u>
Financed By:		
- Net Income Reserve	<u>4,255.49</u>	<u>4,029.90</u>

1. Member subscriptions returned to normal full year levels in 2022 post COVID with a consequential increase in Choirmaster Fees.
2. Contribution to costs includes uniform purchased by members and social event receipts. This is matched in expenses by Uniform costs and Event Costs (there was a small loss on 2022 social events)
3. All other costs were in line with previous years - subscriptions is the IAA membership and IT costs are website maintenance costs.
4. The balance sheet is strong with the membership reserve supported by a stable bank balance.
5. Subscriptions in advance are membership fees for 2023 paid in December 2022, amounts owed to suppliers in Choirmaster Fees paid one month in arrears and other creditors is charity donations earned in 2022 paid out in 2023