

KELSBORROW CHOIR

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

We could have had an Annus Horribilis the way 2017 started but we picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves down and started all over again, to coin a song. We certainly finished in a very strong position after an Incredible Journey, to quote a book. Enough of all of that.

We lost some members and gained some and finished a little down on overall numbers. With that in mind we are planning another open evening in April as the last one brought us some good new members. We obviously are very short of men, Tenors in particular. Please talk to your friends and colleagues as word of mouth is the greatest way to advertise ourselves.

I am concerned about our inability to sell tickets for concerts, nothing new here. This has never been easy for Kelsborrow members and that is why we are better at performing concerts for other charities. Because of our difficulties we had not actively looked for other charities who would like to raise money by way of concerts. Again I ask you to look to your friends and relatives to see if we can rectify this.

The numbers were poor for both Eaton Hall and Tarvin. I accept they were both close together but that was that because we needed confidence to start performing again. Eaton Hall is a prestigious venue that has its restrictions. We cannot advertise other than personal contact and our own web site due to security measures with Eaton Estate and we have to be careful with the pricing of tickets in order not to undervalue the venue. We made a healthy profit on that event but could have made more with a larger audience. Tarvin again was poor on numbers but the people who were there were delighted with the concert, soloist and the panto. Sadly that did not make much money.

What we decided to do was to put all the Christmas money together along with the Eaton Hall event and share it equally between Bloodwise, Multiple Sclerosis and ourselves and we all benefited by several hundred pounds which is great. Thank you Margaret for obtaining such wonderful young people to perform at both Eaton Hall and Christleton.

Hopefully 2018 will bring some Social events that will be of interest to most of you. I accept that not everyone will be able or indeed want to support these events, but they will certainly help to gel people together and hopefully raise some funds. Less members means less subscription income but that is not the main issue here. If any of you have any ideas for social events that will be of interest to

us please tell us about it. They do not have to be music based at all, the world is our oyster.

I would like to thank Peter for his contribution to Kelsborrow Choir over a large number of years, in many capacities. We all wish you continued improvement with your help and hope to see you back singing with us when you feel fit enough.

Thank you to Margaret for rescuing us and for finding Anne. We really are very grateful and long may all this continue as we go forward to a bright future.

Thank you to the committee and indeed others who have supported me at times when support was badly needed.

Elaine Campey