**KELSBOROW CHOIR COMMITTEE MEETING**

**on Thursday 7th November 2018 at 33, Peel Hall Lane, Ashton Hayes**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Elaine Campey (Chair), Jim Edwards, Maddy Swan-Manning, Christine Tickell, Heather Oulton, Mary Stubbington, Alan Burgess, Irene Wilkinson, Malen Johnson,

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Corlett, Isabelle Hughes, Veronica Barnett, Margrett Barnes, Barry Lockwood.
2. **Minutes:** Apart from the correction of the name of Ann Woodward (recorded as Wood), the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2018 were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Elaine advised that Isabelle intends to approach the Red Cross for advice on the purchase of the defibrillator. Its upkeep will be paid for by the users of the Village Hall.
4. **Correspondence**:
   1. An email had been received from Eileen Rowlands advising that she wouldn’t be returning to Choir.
5. **Treasurer’s Report**: Heather presented the accounts for discussion, there were no comments.
6. **Social Group:** Mary provided a brief summary of the Social committee activities. A meeting had been held on 29th to tie down the plans for the Christmas concert, the American supper and other social events.
   1. Finger food and drinks for the interval were in hand.
   2. Rather than spend £50.00 for raffle prizes it was suggested that Choir members be invited to contribute raffle prizes.
   3. Irene had produced her American supper list from previous years for circulation to members.
   4. A date of Sunday 10th February had been decided on for afternoon tea with Susan Grenfille in Tarvin Community Centre at £10.00 per head.

Elaine mentioned that Margaret wanted to organise a three choir workshop/afternoon tea in Kelsall to raise funds for the Wellbeing hub. Suggested dates are 17th or 24th March.

1. **Publicity:** Elaine reported on publicity on behalf of Isabelle. The Barrow banner is being altered to suit the Christmas concert and Isabelle has arranged advertising in several locations and publication. Alan and Isabelle intend to look at how to improve the Facebook pages.

The carol concert at the Golf Club craft fair will start at 6.00pm – we will be singing near the bar.

Alan gave an update on the web-site. Ross has suggested a new web host to re-vamp the web-site. About £450.00 will buy the design and set-up costs. Alan will need input from another member to help with the design – any suggestions? Jim agreed to write to Suzanne to see if she would help out. *Post Meeting note – An exchange of emails with Suzanne has drawn a blank – she is too busy to get involved at this time.*

1. **Christmas 2018:** The two charities for which the choir will fund raise this Christmas will be Save the Children and the Neural Therapy Centre.
   1. **Concert.**
      1. Elaine noted that glasses were not available at the Community Centre. Maybe we should hire or maybe borrow from Tarvin?
      2. The Choir should be asked to contribute savoury and sweet finger food for consumption during the interval.
   2. Liverpool One.
      1. The 29 seater coach will cost £280.00 ~£10.00 per head. How much should each passenger pay?
2. **Any Other Business.** 
   1. Malen informed the meeting that she had received an email from the Choir in Holland inviting Kelsborrow Choir to participate in their centenary celebrations in September 2020. Is the Choir interested? Notionally there was agreement that we should pursue the idea.
   2. New members. Mary expressed concern that perhaps we aren’t looking after the new members sufficiently well? Maybe the section leaders need to take a more involved role?
   3. There is a wedding planned in Barrow Church on Saturday 29th June 2019 and the Choir have been invited to sing for a fee of £200.00.
   4. Kitchen cupboard. Elaine had written to Martin regarding our cupboard in the kitchen – disappearing biscuits, locks, labels. Martin’s reply indicated that a chain and padlock would be inappropriate – maybe a meeting in the hall to examine the options would be the way forward - **|AP01IW/EC|.**
   5. Music. Maddy noted that we are short of certain copies of current music – Shepherd’s Joy and Somewhere in my memory. Maddy will speak to Margaret. Maddy also issued a plea for help when music is being issued and returned – it is too much work for Margrett and Maddy on those occasions.

The next meeting would be held at Elaine’s house on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7:30 pm.