

# Minutes of the committee meeting 3/2/26

Harrogate Male Voice Choir

Minutes of Committee Meeting at Woodlands Methodist Church

10.00 am on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 Final

Circulation – David Bayne( DB) , Chris Dunn (CD), Ian Ibbotson (II), Tony Goodall (TG),

Stuart Berry (SB), George Cross (GC), Richard Kay (RK), Lawrie Coulthard (LC)

Item Action

1 The minutes of the January meeting were approved and signed off TG

2 Project "Sing when you're winning" (SWYW)

The focus of this meeting was once again SWYW. RK believes that the promotion of this

course which begins on 22 nd April should start almost right away, as soon as we have

identified volunteers and have printed the flyers and posters.

Instead of forming a sub-committee to drive actions on this project, we will use and

expand the task list formulated by RK, which is available to all volunteers and committee

members

From the task list

We agree with RK's latest flyer design showing himself as soloist

Order 1000 (GC says 2000) flyers but add 100 A4 posters

The google participant application form by RK is excellent

We need to understand how the SWYW e-mail account will work

Who has the link to the Bramhall Trust? Can David Healy progress this?

Our grant application to NY council has not yet been approved but they have

until end of February to contact us.

- St Roberts is booked from 22 nd April and West Park for final concert on 4 th July (DB to add to Choir Dates)
- II is already allocating funds for venue booking and flyer printing
- Excellent progress with Andy's Man Club (AMC) in Harrogate. Extend to branches in Ripon, Thirsk, and Knaresborough (no branch in Wetherby)
- DB's mobile number has been printed on the flyers and he will answer all telephone enquiries and agree a protocol with RK for passing on contacts to the e-mail address and the person registering attendance at the course.
- DB will make up a form for volunteers to sign up to and display it tonight after TG has addressed the members.
- Draft press release was not attached by RK (has since been received). Committee members to comment ASAP
- Volunteers will be assigned to 5 districts of Harrogate, to Knaresborough, to Ripon, and any other areas.
- Check with LC for contacts with local radio
- Complete checklist of press and radio contacts
- TG and DB will inform Social Prescribers of the SWYW course and ask to direct patients there instead of to the choir
- As well as village halls and notice boards, flyers to be distributed to
  - Barber shops
  - Drop-in centres
  - Leisure centres
  - Golf/sports clubs
  - Rotary/Round Table
  - Probus clubs
  - Mixed choirs

- Churches (J Melanaphy if fit enough)
- . Draw up checklist of locations for volunteers
- . Aim is to hand out flyers and posters to identified volunteers at a briefing before rehearsal on 10 th February (as we are not rehearsing on 17 th Feb) – previous target was 24 th February
- . Steve Hurdle may participate in SWYW and has offered to take participant's details
- . Mass distribution of flyers through letterboxes nearer the start of the course via allocated volunteers.
- . Hand out flyers at Harrogate Town FC home matches (RK proposal)

The date of the joint SWYW and HMVC concert has been set at Saturday 4 th July at West Park centre

3 West Park Centre

The committee has approved a letter by TG in support of their application for Mayor's funds. We are also progressing plans to expand seating for our Sing Out concert

TG

4 Treasurer Report

December hall hire of £90 was paid and £150 was received from Holy Trinity

2 full year subs and one sub instalment are still outstanding.

II

5 Concert secretary report

13 th February 8.30 am visit to Brackenfield prep school. See (9) below

27 th February 7.30 pm Joint concert with Rodillians ladies at Boston Spa methodist church

1 st March York festival evening concert at 7.30 pm. We sing 5

songs in a 20-minute slot  
and need to be there before 6.35 pm for a sound check. GC and  
DB will visit the venue on  
8 th February. We must get out a good choir attendance despite  
the concert 2 days before.

21 st March Harrogate choir competition. Performance time  
confirmed as 2pm. We  
assume venue is Harrogate High school as there is no further  
mention of St Martin's  
church in the syllabus.

30 th April. Afternoon visit to Pannal primary school

9 th May. Harrogate Choir Festival (invitation received and RK  
confirmed his availability)

6 th June Sing Out concert, now assumed to be at West Park  
Centre

4 th July Joint concert of SAYW with HMVC at West Park Centre

11 th October. Joint Sunday afternoon concert with Eastwood  
Collieries MVC

GC

6 Members Secretary Report

There is confusion over whether or not Richard Hayter has  
resigned

Robert Bickford is unable to sing and we need to assess  
whether he continues as a  
member. John Melanaphy is back home recovering from a heart  
attack hopes to rejoin us

before too long. A "get well" card will be circulated this  
evening for members to sign.

Steve Hurdle will attend the SWYW course. Nigel Lister has  
moved to a new address.

SB

7 Promotion of HMVC concerts

We urgently need to identify a successor to LC for promotion  
of concerts, which must

continue separately from SWYW. Lawrie has a wide network of publicity outlets including radio and we should use his knowledge to maximise SWYW coverage. Meanwhile LC has made a sterling effort to promote the Boston Spa concert in Wetherby and the Church has made a great effort to promote it within the Tadcaster Circuit (Boston, Wetherby, Tadcaster and Collingham). Martin House refused to display our posters until we had pasted their logo onto them (house rule). We should ensure that the logos of beneficiaries always appear in our publicity! Now the choir needs to sell tickets as the Rodillians are expected to bring up to 40 supporters.

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## 8 Social

TG has distributed menus from 2 caterers to the committee (as St Roberts cannot do this in-house). The room will cost £60 and for a minimum of 35 people, a main course plus dessert will cost £16 with a room charge of £2 pr head making £18. TG will ask for a show of hands for participants this evening.

TG

## 9 Sing Out

An early start is required for our performance at Brackenfield school assembly at 8.45. on Friday 13 th February. We need to be there by 8.30 and allow for time to find parking in adjacent streets.

TG

## 10 Choir dates

The list of choir dates for performances and breaks has been updated and checked by GC, TG and RK and will now be issued to all members. Note that we have some noticeboard space back in the Woodlands main hall.

DB

11 Next Meeting Tuesday 3 rd March at 10 am, Woodlands Meths.

DB