



Canterbury Cantata Trust

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

4.50 pm on Saturday 15 March 2025

@ The Parrot, Canterbury.

Present:

Trustees: Roshna Ahmad (RA: Chair), Laurence Green (LG), Naz Bashir (NB), Tim Kidd (TK)

Others: Emily Renshaw-Kidd (ERK: Artistic Director), Andrea Hepworth (AH: Administrator), Matt Shipton (MS: STB Programme Director)

1. Apologies/Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Jo Heath.

Declarations of interest:

- a) TK is married to Artistic Director ERK.
- b) NB sits on the Board of PharmaKure Ltd. and will shortly be joining the Board of Inchin Therapeutics.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM (27th February 2024)

RA signed a copy as an accurate transcription of events.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Survey of choirs has not yet been done. TK happy to help JH with this. MS happy to cover cost of arranging someone professional to carry this out. Jason Dodd to take photos etc. (Action: JH/TK).
- b) Chair's Report (main points from newsletter):
 - The year has included a successful season of public concerts by both Amici and Cantata including the whole Trust performing *Zimbe!* in June 2024.



- Collaboration with PCiT continues to flourish with joint fundraising concerts.
- Grenville Hancox has returned to facilitate Amici following Stefan Catto's departure.
- Lucy Gove replaces Phil Self as facilitator of Monday Music Canterbury.
- Exciting links developed with other singing and health organisations such as *Singing Mamas*, Bibi Heal (*Songs that Move Project*) and Deal Festival.
- Newsletter – RA to send to MS to put on website. TK suggested putting Word version on website as search engines don't pick up PDFs.

c) STB developments during 2024

- Sing to Beat Parkinson's App shortlisted for a digital inclusion award by the Digital Culture Network.
- 60 practitioners completed STB training programme. Two levels, introductory and advanced with mentoring offered to those who complete the introductory.
- Annual training course for advanced practitioners has moved from Snape Malting to The Grand, Folkestone.
- STB's special relationship with singing and health charity, Music4Wellbeing continues.

4. Financial Summary (JH)

Our 2024 Report and Accounts have been professionally independently examined by Burgess Hodgson and approved by trustees at this afternoon's trustee meeting.

5. Future Plans (CCT: RA and STB: MS)

CCT

- To perform a schedule of large public concerts with appropriate budgets and planning.
- To continue to nurture its inter-generational relationship with local pupils from Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys.



- To develop two new websites for CCT and STB.
- Obtain control of Mailchimp to enable full marketing potential.

STB

- New randomised control trial funded by Sing Well in Canada and Toronto University. Will involve participants singing at home on Zoom. RAs will then collect saliva samples from participants at home.
- Applying to World Parkinson's Congress in Arizona for funding for Nicola Wydenbach's App.

6. Director Rotation (voting by trustees only, according to our Articles)

Longest standing trustees are LG and TK who stood down and left the room. They were duly re-elected by RA, NB and JH (who joined remotely).

7. AOB and short question session

There were no items.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Andrea Hepworth.

March 2025.

