

ASSOCIATION OF CATHEDRAL VOLUNTARY CHOIRS

Meeting of choir representatives, Sunday 2nd March 2014 at Derby.

Present: representatives from:

Carlisle

Chelmsford

Derby in chair and taking minutes as Host Choir.

Guildford

Hereford

Rochester

Wells

Worcester

Apologies from: Lichfield, Exeter.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting had only been circulated to a few choirs, so they were read. (They will be circulated to the representatives).

Points raised: Derby had stepped in to host when Southwell and Rochester had to drop out. Thanks to Derby for producing a booklet which made costs to the choirs less. There was no lengthy copying. Guildford would have liked the music earlier for rehearsal purposes. It was noted that choirs had remembered to wear soft footwear.

Future Festivals: Lichfield have volunteered for 30th/31st May 2015. (Two representatives had attended on Saturday and had taken notes.)

2016 on the 20th anniversary, Wells have offered to host 29th/30th October.

2018 An offer from Guildford to host.

Finance: Ely had sent through the balance sheet from Worcester in 2010 and was going to table their accounts but unfortunately Jan Payne could not attend at the last moment. They had made a small profit to carry forward. Derby will send their accounts through as soon as possible. It was noted that the choristers from Worcester had had their music subsidised which all agreed was fair. General discussions took place about minutes and balance sheets not being circulated. Derby agreed to send minutes as soon as possible.

Membership: The representative from Carlisle asked for clarification on membership. His Cathedral did not know the Association existed. Discussions took place on the difficulty in contacting choirs. It was decided that a central committee would be formed and resources then pooled to create a central list which would then be added to the website. After more discussion the following were

asked to form a committee, Jane James (Wells), Douglas Henn-Macrae (Rochester), Elizabeth Marshall (Chelmsford), Helen Nash (Derby) and Geoff Mason (Lichfield, by default as next host). All materials would then be circulated to each Cathedral as and when necessary.

Website: After discussion it was decided to ask Douglas to investigate prices for a new website to be funded from the ACVC assets. All minutes should be on the site. Pictures from Derby and previous festivals could then be sent for inclusion. It was also suggested that names of participants could then be posted on the site. Douglas has already asked for up to date information from Choirs and present emails of secretaries

A.O.B.: General thanks to Derby for hosting. Thank you to the Derby Cathedral Office for producing the music booklet, and to Janet the baker of the Cake. Pictures of it will go on the website.

There were a few points made by Guildford:

The dinner tables could be mixed, some were, but others weren't.

There is a need for the music to be sent earlier. (In reply, when printing in-house the numbers have to be sent earlier so the size of the print-run is known.)

Derby said the major difficulty was getting replies to emails. Some had been sent several times because of non reply. There were also some emails that didn't get through which we were not aware of. Some choirs seemed to think that if they couldn't all come then it wasn't worth sending 2 or 3, so hadn't replied. Next year it could be clarified that any number is welcome.