

Committee Members

David Bishop (Tenor rep)

Janet Coombs (Treasurer)

Ewen Bird (Bass Rep)

David Gillett (Vice-Chairman & Secretary)

Caroline Keevil (Alto rep)

Mary Pennell (Librarian)

Simon Phillips (Publications)

Jack Robinson (Venue Organiser)

Jeremy Sidmouth (Publicity)

Kate Wilson (Soprano rep)

In addition, Alison Bull is assisting with the 100 Club, Alison Johnson manages our Facebook pages and Stan Woods manages our web site.

Footnote

The Warminster Military Wives Choir sang as part of the Calne Spring Sing before Easter. One song they sang was the Rhythm of Life from Sweet Charity. Their leader said they used it to warm up as it needed good diction. At the speed they did it, that was certainly true and you could hear every word. Phil would have loved it and it was an example to us all, as none of the other choirs I heard got anywhere near that standard.



NEWSLETTER: April 2017

Phil told us that St Andrew's Church was an excellent concert venue and I am sure that now we all agree with him. Apart from the beauty of the Church, the acoustics were superb as was the support we received. Ticket sales suggest a larger audience and as there were two other similar concerts in the immediate area and other events that took away some of our usual followers, we must see as encouraging. We return to St Andrew's for next year's Spring Concert on 28 April.

You will also have noticed that there were adverts in the programme thanks to Jeremy, which is a return to the past as earlier programmes always carried them. Above all we thank Phil, who struggled against a bad back, so we hope that was put right during the Easter break.

Calne Music and Arts Festival has accepted our proposal for arranging our concert on 7 October in St Mary's Church. This means we organise the event and keep the income in the same way as for any other concert, whilst they include us in their brochure. Before that we look forward to our Soiree on 17 July, which is an open invitation to your friends to join us for the evening. I am sure they will enjoy the music programme that Phil will put together.

David

Dates for your diary:

17 July 2017.	Soiree at Marden House
7 October 2017.	Autumn concert at St Mary's Church, Calne
9 December 2017.	Christmas concert at St Mary's Church, Calne
28 April 2018.	Spring concert at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham

Rehearsal schedule: May – July 2017

Always 1930 hours at Marden House unless shown otherwise

24 April
1 May – no rehearsal
8 May
15 May
22 May
29 May – no rehearsal
5 June
12 June
19 June
26 June
3 July
10 July
17 July – Soiree and final meeting before the summer break

Keyboard

Our new keyboard was in serious action for the first time at the recent concert. Did you enjoy it? I thought the period organ made wonderful listening. Helen says that the keys have a good sensitivity (a bit different from the Marden House piano), but we know Helen can make music from almost any old set of keys.

Seriously, though, it is a big investment for our choir and has to earn its keep. Already we have saved the cost of both having a harpist and hiring the St Andrew's organ. It also means that Helen can play a larger part in our concerts, which can only be good.

Arrangements can be made for members with the necessary skills to hire it. You will need to have insurance but we want choir members to be able to benefit from this asset.

Should any of you feel you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the keyboard, it will be welcomed. Similarly, why not mention to the organisation for which you work, that any donation, large or small, will secure a sponsor reference on our website and a logo displayed on the instrument. We need such support.

Website

The revamped web site is up and running and many thanks to Stan Woods for managing this for us. It can be kept up to date more easily and works in conjunction with our Facebook page that Alison looks after. It will also work on your mobiles and tablets, but still needed are regular news, chat and photo updates, so it's over to you all.