

## Chairman's Report 2023

Even now we are still being affected by the recent pandemic, according to the list of reasons why some choirs are disbanding. Admittedly there are fewer, but nevertheless the impact on us still looms, but on the upside we are continuing to welcome new choirs to the association.

Because of the changes which made us decide to hold some MOF meetings by zoom we found a wider attendance, and so have incorporated some in the round of meetings.

From the hesitancy of recommencing conferences, I am so happy that this year's has seen a dramatic increase in delegates which has filled me with so much enthusiasm for our future. As our name implies, we are an association of choirs and obviously concentrate our energies there. A number of musical directors also attend our conference, and we do realise the partnership between them and the choristers but only those few who attend take back whatever they have learned from our guest speakers. We have always been aware of this but with our centenary we decided to mark this anniversary and have created a legacy fund, details of which we published in the recent edition of News & Views, and I can tell you there has been an application to this fund which allowed a choral workshop to be held which included a section solely for MDs and this was a very successful day.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all and hope you have a lovely time with us.

*Brenda Wilkinson*

## Financial Report 2023

Things are getting back to normal after COVID, although many choirs have not recovered membership and have had to stop. We put membership subscription back to its 2019 level, so income has increased, but not as much as it would if the number of member choirs had stayed the same.

The Centenary fund continues as a legacy which we will use to support initiatives by groups of member choirs, transferring money from the accumulated reserve as necessary.

### Notes

- a) Fewer suppliers are advertising with us, so income to offset the cost of our publications is reducing.
- b) & c) There has been more activity as things come back to normal.
- d) The late payment for an advertising invoice did not arrive.
- e) Membership income has increased but not to 2019 levels.
- f) & g) Some invoices for advertising had not been paid by the end of the year.

*Paul Gailunas*



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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of National Association of Choirs**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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