

Valentine Singers

Chair's Report

For the year 2024-25

Clare Gailans

We have had another good year thanks to the hard work of many people, very generous financial help and the commitment of all of us.

Your Committee have worked very hard as they always do, and two of them are stepping down. Esther has been a wonderfully efficient Treasurer for five years, but now needs to give more time to work and other responsibilities, as does Livia who has looked after various things including much relating to publicising the choir and acting as our safeguarding lead. You will remember that Andre was re-elected to the Committee last year, but he has not found it possible to continue with us. I thank them and also Jacqui, Angela, Lindsey and Bill for all that they have done for us, and feel sure that Livia and Esther will still help us wherever they can, as all of you do. Oliver is no longer co-opted on to the committee, but continues to look after our website, for which we are very grateful.

We are as grateful as ever to those people who have worked for us outside the committee, with sectional rehearsals, the library, tea, arranging seating, helping Lindsey make everything run smoothly on concert days and so many other things.

We have enjoyed putting on four excellent concerts. In June 2024 we celebrated life through musical shows and opera with two professional soloists in the 'All the World on Stage' concert. November saw us in concert singing 'Songs of Peace' by Will Todd and other remembrance songs. We enjoyed a Christmas concert in December singing carols with audience participation and finally in March we held a 'Notre Dame' concert singing Louis Vierne's 'Messe Solenelle' and Brigg's 'Messe pour Notre Dame'. Alongside these concerts we held an open workshop in January 2025 and two open rehearsals in the autumn term. We were privileged to work with some fine soloists and, most importantly, Christine and Tim, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Other happy events have been our second singing trip to East Tilbury, visits to concerts in London, carols at Valentine's Mansion, and welcoming new members Janice and Anna. Sadly we have lost two popular members of long standing, Barbara Fisher and Martin, but Martin has joined Heather, Barbara Nunn and Pat as a Friend of the choir. Other members have taken breaks and some of them may not return, hence our lower tally of subscriptions and smaller audiences.

THE VALENTINE SINGERS - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 2024-2025
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1037459

INCOME

Choir Subscriptions	8,544.50
Ticket Sales - Concerts, Workshop	5,947.72
Donations (inc. Gift Aid £2,528.77)	7,063.23
Hardship Fund Donations	340.00
Grants	0.00
Music Hire/Purchase	645.25
Fundraising (inc. Tea Fund, Bring & Buy, Easy Fundraising, Friends, Audience Attendance)	2,313.32
CD Sales	
Raffle/Xmas Quiz	240.50
Concert Refreshments	230.50
Programme Sales	
Programme Advertisement Sales	0.00
Interest Received From Savings Account	33.01

Total Income: 25,358.03

0.00

EXPENDITURE

Rehearsal Conductor/Pianist	11,957.00
Rehearsal Hall Hire	3,520.00
Music Hire/Purchase	831.18
Concert/Workshop Musicians	6,361.60
Concert Hall Hire/Staging etc	1,877.50
Concert Refreshments	54.75
Publicity/Printing/Post/Web	1,370.44
Making Music Subs (PRS, Insurance)	667.71
Donations/Licenses/Prizes/Refunds	186.49

Total Expenditure: 26,826.67

PROFIT/LOSS FOR YEAR 2024/25 -1,468.64

0.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE VALENTINE SINGERS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1037459

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R. Whiteman

Date:

1/4/25

Name:

Rob Whiteman CBE CPA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CIPFA

Address:

*Eagles Crest, 15 Durrant Road
Poole
Dorset BH14 8TP*

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

BALANCE SHEET

SURPLUS PROFIT/LOSS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2023/24
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT 31/03/25

2323.92
-1468.64
855.28

COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

34.28 BALANCE @ 31/03/2025

BALANCE @ BANK 31/03/25 CURRENT A/C STATEMENT
BALANCE @ BANK 31/03/25 SAVINGS A/C STATEMENT
LESS UNPRESENTED CHEQUES
PREPAYMENT

245.98
609.30
0.00
0.00

COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (TRIP A/C)

3.93 BALANCE @ 31/03/2025

855.28

I HAVE EXAMINED THE ACCOUNTS FROM WHICH THE ABOVE HAS BEEN DERIVED AND CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RECORDS

HON. AUDITOR:

R. Williams OBE CPFA
5/10/25

DATE:

Summary of Bank Position 2024/25

BANK as at 31/03/25 INCOME	40,106.03
BANK as at 31/03/25 EXPENDITURE	41,574.67
PROFIT & LOSS at BANK as at 31/03/25	-1,468.64
B/fwd BANK 2023/24	2,323.92
BANK 2024/25	-1,468.64
BANK c/fwd 2024/25	855.28
Unpresented cheques	0.00
Prepayments	

Agrees with statements as at 31/03/25

Current account (see Lloyds Cur AC tab)	245.98
Savings account (see Lloyds Dep AC tab)	609.30
	855.28

Unpresented cheques @ 31/03/25

None

Cheques not issued

None

Hon. Treasurer:
Date:

RJ Williams CBE CFFA
11/25

Hon Auditor:
Date: