

Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society

Treasurer's Report to the Members for the year to 31st May 2024

It has been an action-packed year! There have been no fewer than five concerts, not to mention a fund-raising quiz evening and the production of a recipe book.

The finale of our season of Summer Singing accounted for the first of the concerts. That was followed by a carol concert and we held our usual mini concert in February. The latter was self-financing, achieving a surplus of £350. We increased the ticket price of our main concerts from £16 to £20. This helped to defray the substantial costs involved. The Josephine Baker Trust continued to provide their welcome support of the soloists who participate in them and a generous contribution of £1,600 from the Kushner Memorial Fund towards the Brahms concert was greatly appreciated.

It was decided to hold a quiz evening at the Free Church to raise funds. It proved very worthwhile. After all costs, including fish & chips from over the road, and some jolly good raffle prizes, it made £1,615. That was the bright idea of Jane Towers and, meanwhile, Liz Wager was compiling a recipe book. The first batch off the press was soon snapped up and added a further batch acquired. They have added £300 to the bank balance so far, with more to come.

With Summer Singing increasing the subscriptions on which we can claim Gift Aid, we benefitted in that respect and Amchor's staunch Friends have played their valuable part, too. You will not be surprised to learn that, for the first time in my memory (although you may know better!) we have ended the year with a surplus. (£931.) It's great that all the hard work by Amchor's members and the rest of the Amchor team has reaped a dividend.

As summer singing is to form part of the basic annual subscription in future, I would like to propose that we change our accounting date from 31st May to 31st July from now on so that all costs covered by a year's subscription are accounted for in that year.

To meet both the requirements of the Charity Commission (as our gross income exceeds £25,000) and in line with Amchor's constitution, I am very grateful to Laura Gibbs for scrutinising the accounts once again.

I commend this report to members.



Elizabeth Pooley
Honorary Treasurer, on behalf of the Trustees
July 2024

Registered Charity No. 1057791

AMERSHAM AND CHESHAM BOIS CHORAL SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MAY 2024

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ACCOUNTS OR THE YEAR TO 31st MAY 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Year to 31st May 2024			Year to 31st May 2023	
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	£	Unrestricted Fund	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income					
Members' Subscriptions	12,719			8,185	
Income Tax repayments	1,840			1,505	
Friends of Amchor Donations	470			420	
Other Donations	-	15,029		-	10,110
Investment Income					
Skipton Building Society Interest	750			150	
Buckinghamshire Buolding Society Interest	245	995		85	235
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Sale of Tickets & Programmes (Note 5)	10,831			7,819	
Josephine Baker Trust Grants	660			330	
Kushner Memorial Fund	1,600			-	
Sale and hire of choral music	2,120			1,187	
Quiz Evening	2,277			-	
Recipe Books	587			-	
Staging Hire to Woburn Singers	-	18,075		250	9,586
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		34,099		19,931	
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Concerts and carols	15,383			13,401	
Stage storage	540			540	
Hire of rehearsal halls	4,243			3,635	
Conductor/Accompanist	8,505			6,048	
Purchase and hire of choral music	2,082			787	
Subscriptions/Insurance	419			390	
Bank charges	137			139	
Quiz Evening	662			-	
Recipe Books	273			-	
Friends administration	18	32,262		-	24,940
Other resources expended					
Folders	-			0	
Gifts and sundries	339			427	
Website	567	906		14	441
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		33,168		25,381	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		931		-5,450	
		Unrestricted Fund	Designated Funds		Unrestricted Fund
		£	£		£
Accumulated Funds brought forward		22,752	20,480		28,202
Deficit/Surplus for the year		931	-		-5,450
Fund Balances carried forward		<u>23,683</u>	<u>20,480</u>		<u>22,752</u>

The Notes on Page 3 form part of these accounts

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MAY 2024

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	31st May 2024		31st May 2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Staging	2		1		1
CURRENT ASSETS					
HSBC Current Account		5,743		5,182	
Buckinghamshire Building Society Account		7,824		9,579	
Skipton Building Society Account		30,000		30,000	
Stock of Recipe Books		165		-	
Debtors and prepayments		3,330		330	
		<u>47,062</u>		<u>45,091</u>	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>2,900</u>		<u>1,860</u>	
Net Current Assets			44,162		43,231
Net Assets			<u>44,163</u>		<u>43,232</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Designated	6		20,480		20,480
Unrestricted			23,683		22,752
			<u>44,163</u>		<u>43,232</u>

Jane Towers, Chair
For and on behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth Pooley, Honorary

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AMERSHAM AND CHESHAM BOIS CHORAL SOCIETY
Notes to the Accounts for the Year to 31st May 2023

1 Accounting Policies

In preparing the accounts the following policies have been complied with:

- a) The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP 2005 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and with the Charities Act 2011 and they have been subjected to independent scrutiny as required by the Charity Commission.
- b) Income and expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.
- c) Depreciation on staging is charged on a straight line basis over 10 years.
- d) The Trustees have set funds aside in a designated fund for the possible need to repair and replace the staging.

2. Fixed Assets - Staging

Cost brought forward	13,736
Depreciation	<u>13,735</u>
Net Book Value at 31st May 2024	<u>1</u>
Net Book Value at 31st May 2023	<u>1</u>

3. Remuneration of Trustees and Independent Examiner

There were no fees or expenses paid to the Trustees or to the Independent Examiner this year or last year.

	31.5.2024	31.5.2023
4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accrued liabilities	50	-
Deferred income	<u>2,850</u>	<u>1,860</u>
	<u>2,900</u>	<u>1,860</u>

5 Income from Concerts

	Year to 31st May 2024		Year to 31st May 2023	
Sale of tickets and programmes				
Summer Singing Concert 2023	680		-	
December (Brahms)	3,349		3,868	
Carol Concert	706		-	
February - Mini Concert	1,325		1,401	
May (Carmina Burana)	<u>4,771</u>	<u>10,831</u>	<u>2,550</u>	7,819
Grants				
Josephine Baker Trust	660		330	
Kushner Memorial Fund	1,600	2,260	-	330
	<u>13,081</u>		<u>8,149</u>	
Related costs		16,827		13,401

6. Designated Funds

	Staging	Newhouse Bequest	Total
Opening Fund	19,230	1,250	20,480
Closing Fund (no transfers made)	19,230	1,250	20,480

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July 2024

Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees of Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an independent examination as laid out under section 145 of the Act is not required for the financial year 2023-2024 (below threshold limit) but note that external scrutiny is a requirement of the Trust's constitution.

For consistency with previous years, I have followed the all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and present my report in the appropriate format as if an independent examination were required.

An examination includes a review of the account records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and the seeking of explanations from the Trustees concerning 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 these statements present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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8th July 2024