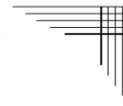


Royston Choral Society

Charity number 1090459



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 8.45 pm
At St John's Parish Church, Royston

Action

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
Huw Jenkins, as Chair, opened the meeting at 8.45 pm during rehearsal interval. Approximately 85 members present.

Apologies received from:

Sue Collins, Carole Kaszak, Tracy Kirk, Margaret Lawrence, Jenny Rodda, Steven Sivyver, Philippa Willmott.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 24 SEPTEMBER 2024, MATTERS ARISING
Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record, no corrections, no matters arising. Proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Val Hirst.

3. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Andrew addressed the meeting, congratulating the choir, soloists including our own soloists, on great performances of Faure, Britten, Parry, Bach St Matthew Passion and Purcell. It had been a fantastic season.
Andrew also expressed thanks to the Committee, and to Jonathan Lilley, assistant musical director and accompanist.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT
Chair's report had been uploaded to RCS website and the link sent to all singers for pre-reading. Thanks recorded to the Committee, in particular Caroline and Sue, and to Pauline and Lyn for excellent concert management. Thanks also to all other non-committee members, particularly Fay, Carole, Melanie, Julie C, to the part reps, and to Jenny Gilson and all rehearsal refreshments volunteers. Special thanks to Lyn who is standing down with effect from this AGM.
The Treasurer had presented her report as part of the presentation of the financial accounts, including Independent Examiner's report. Link to the reports had been provided to singers for pre-reading. RCS finances are sound, with choir membership numbers being maintained, and two sell-out concerts in November and March.

There were no questions on these reports.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

As Treasurer's report above, Society Accounts and Independent Examiner's report had been uploaded to RCS website for members to read prior to the meeting. Accounts had been approved as draft at the Committee meeting held on 22 July 2025. There were no questions.

Accounts adopted: proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Huw Jenkins.

Thanks are recorded to Cathy Smith as independent examiner. Cathy agreed to continue.

6. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

Lyn Grove has resigned from the committee as joint Concert Manager, and Tracy Kirk is nominated to take over the role. Agreed.
Proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Huw Jenkins

All other committee members had agreed to remain in post.

Choir members are encouraged to put themselves forward to join the Committee.

7. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Tracy Kirk elected as joint Concert Manager, replacing Lyn Grove.
Proposed by Neil Marshall, seconded by Val Hirst.

Other Committee members who have agreed to remain in post were re-elected en masse, noting that a Publicity Manager is still required. This role could be split into separate part-roles undertaken by a number of people.

Committee members:

Huw Jenkins (Chair), Caroline Franks (Treasurer), Andrew O'Brien (Musical Director), Sue Pegram (Secretary)
Carole Kaszak, Jenny Leitch, Penny Morgan, Pauline Rowe, Fay Skinner, and Tracy Kirk with effect from this meeting.

Part Reps: Brigid Hickey, Chris Lee, Sue Pegram, Anthony Pigg
Librarian: Melanie Dawson-Dew

8. Any Other Business

The Chair presented Andrew with a gift from choir members, of a conductor's wooden music stand, in recognition of Andrew's 10 years with the choral society.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.