

Landkey Sings AGM

5th October 2021

Landkey Pre School Room 7pm

Apologies

Ed Holt, Sarah Solley, Jennie Ingram, Marilyn Tucker, Michael Gee, Jemma Lowin, Tess Bateman.

Present

Karen Thomas, Richard Prowse, Ruth Holman, Lynden Davies, Alina Stankus, Becky Houghton.

Election of Officers for 2021

Election of Treasurer – Richard Prowse nominated by Karen, seconded by Lynden

Election of Secretary – Karen Thomas nominated by Becky, seconded by Alina

Election of Chair – Becky Houghton nominated by Karen, seconded by Ruth

Election of Vice Chair – Karen Thomas nominated by Alina, seconded by Lynden

Committee members: Alina Stankus, Lynden Davies, Ruth Holman.

The committee was unanimous in appointing these positions.

Financial Review

There is £828 in the bank account plus £171.16 in the Paypal account. Wren Music have already got the payment for this year's project. Becky has sent a letter to Landkey Parish Council asking for £250 + as a donation for this year.

A small fee will be charged for rehearsals this year and other costs are printing costs for the leaflets and village hall hire.

Becky will contact Heather Holt to discuss getting the fees for the website down as it was felt these were expensive. Heather very kindly makes any changes to the website free of charge so whether it is possible to get the monthly charges down will be investigated. It was felt that the website is a very valuable resource even though most of the traffic is at one point in the year only.

It was agreed that the financial records would be taken to a third party for checking. The financial report was agreed unanimously.

Review of 2020

Most people agreed that the online sessions weren't ideal and that in person rehearsals were far preferable. The numbers however for the online sessions were huge, most people coming via Wren Music. We had people from Canada and Germany and all over the UK but

very few from Landkey. This was great in getting the carols out there but not so good for the community.

Plans for 2021

There will be 2 online sessions on Tuesday 9th and 16th November with the new choir leader from Wren. These will ease people in and refresh everyone's memories.

There will be 3 rehearsals in the Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd and 30th November and 7th December. There will be an afternoon workshop and early evening concert in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th December. Alina mentioned that we could also sing at the Swimbridge Craft Fair and there are also plans to sing around the village and possibly in the pub.

We will hold a raffle with 3 or 4 baskets made up from donated items. We could ask local businesses to donate.

Each rehearsal will be £2 per person but the online sessions will be free.

Our Covid policy for this year:

Everyone to bring their own refreshments. There will be a 15 minute break.

Windows and doors will be left open for ventilation.

Masks can be worn but are not essential.

We will have sanitising wipes available for everyone to wipe chairs down with and hand sanitiser will be available.

We will make sure posters have a sentence saying "please don't come if you have Covid symptoms or have had contact with anyone who has tested positive".

Participants will be encouraged to print their own music but we will ask Wren to bring some extra copies.

Looking ahead to 2022 we will need to raise enough money to pay Wren, hall costs, printing and advertising. Marilyn Tucker might be able to help with this as she has been very helpful in applying for funding on our behalf in previous years.

Publicity

We will investigate having 1500 one sided leaflets printed for this year's advertising with all the rehearsal dates on. Becky will contact Rachel at Chameleon for a quote.

Richard will contact Janet Dymond to get the dates put in the Landkey Village newsletter.

It would be ideal to have our leaflet distributed with the newsletter. Richard will look into this.

We will produce some A4 posters from the leaflets (Wren did this before so we will ask them again) to put up round the village and in the shop and tearoom.

Becky will add Karen as an admin to the Facebook page and we can advertise here and by e-mail and through the website.

Wassail

The date has been set for Saturday 15th January 2022.

Orchards Live have approached us to collaborate on this event and Green Man Cider are again keen to be involved. It was agreed to set up a sub committee for planning this and will invite Simeon Day, Simon Houghton and Ben Totterdell and any other Orchards live members who want to be involved.

Any other business

Richard mentioned the Barn Dance which we had planned before Covid. It was felt this was a good idea to resurrect in 2022 as it would be a great community event. We will also take Michael Gee up on his offer for a fundraising garden party this May/June if possible.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at Starcross Farm 7pm

Hopefully we can combine this with the first meeting of the Wassail committee.