

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Gospel Phonics Community Choir**

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This is my first Annual Report as your Chairman and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gemma and Ben for their dedication and contribution to making our rehearsals so enjoyable. We continue to have great respect for their musical expertise which enables us to carry on being a fun loving community choir, bringing benefits to, not only our members, but to others in the community as well. I would also like to thank the Committee Members and Volunteers for their hard work throughout the year.

#### **No. 1: Concerts**

The following list shows the concerts/events in which we participated during the year September 2013 – August 2014.

- 30.11.13.       Fernhill Care Home
- 04.12.13.       St. Peters Church
- 08.02.14.       Burfest
- 04.06.14.       In-Skip
- 28.06.14.       African Concert
- 07.07.14.       Family & Friends Fund Raising Concert
- 19.07.14.       Wedding

## **No. 2: Members' Social Events**

The following list shows the members' social events which took place during the year September 2013 – August 2014.

- 12.12.13. Christmas Dinner, Southampton University
- 10.06.14. Gareth Malone Concert, Portsmouth Guildhall
- 13.06.14. Social Gathering, Chandler's Ford

## **No. 3: Committee Members**

The following list shows the elected members of the committee for the year September 2013 – August 2014.

Gemma Nichols	Musical Director
Ruth Taylor	Chairman/Communications
Margaret Harding	Membership Secretary
Jane Coulter	Treasurer/Concert Liaison
Mary Tuffley	Assistant Treasurer
Mary Williams	Social Functions Arranger
Wendy Collins/Charles Stuart	Media/Publicity/Website
Theresa Halliday	Back-up volunteer.

As stated in the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, Mary Williams has announced that she will be stepping down from her position as Social Functions Arranger. Barbara Yates has been nominated to take over this position and acceptance is recommended by the Committee. All other Committee Members have volunteered to carry on in their positions. All appointments will need to be endorsed at the AGM which will take place prior to commencement of the normal choir meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

## **No. 4: Finance**

The financial summary is detailed on the attached Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

By way of explanation, our income dropped during the Summer Term due to regular members being unable to attend for various reasons and also due to the short length of the term, i.e. 8 rehearsals only. As members have the option of being able to pay weekly, or per term in advance, this does mean that income will fluctuate considerably if attendance drops for any reason. However, the Committee are of the opinion that we should continue with these flexible arrangements for payment as it allows members who are unable to attend every week to still come along whenever they can.

## Conclusion

Our aim for the coming year remains to continue as a Community Choir, providing enjoyment for ourselves and the local community. To this end we hope, if possible, to perform at least two concerts per term. We would also like to continue our Social Evenings as we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at these events.

We are always on the look-out for new members, so please mention the choir to work colleagues and friends and invite them along for an evening to give us a try. The first meeting for potential new members will continue to be free, so nothing to lose.

Finally, another huge thank you to all Committee Members for their continued support and dedication, which, without doubt, enables everything to run smoothly. A very special thank you to Mary Williams for the tremendous amount of work she has undertaken during her time on the Committee. We are thrilled that Mary will be continuing as a very valued member of the choir.

We look forward to another very enjoyable and fulfilling year.

*Ruth Taylor*

25<sup>th</sup> September 2014