

MODBURY GOSPEL SINGERS AGM JUNE 19TH 2025

Apologies

Paul Stanton, Tony Price, Heather Farrow

Present

Jo Highley, Sue Collins, Karen Woods, Ashleigh Head, Jean Wright, Mary Ali, Mary Wilson, Mauren Bennett, Maureen Jeffrey, Sian Walker- McAllister, Angela Mabin, Ashleigh Head, Kate Byrom, Hans Van der Heiden, Peter Cook, Tim Beavon, Robin Duckering, Peter South, Pauline Carter, Carolyn Whybrow, Kathy Milthorp, Sue Grist, Jane Tonic, Kate Duckering, Gillian Overton

Chair's report for 2024-5

Our first year running in the new format has gone smoothly. Across the three terms we have maintained a membership of around 35. By the end of this term there will have been 30 sessions run at the Memorial Hall.

There have been three performances, raising funds for the Kingsbridge Food Bank and Modbury May Fair, and supporting Ugborough's Christian Aid week.

We have recruited a new musical director, Freya Harbottle, who will join us in September.

I'd like to thank the committee members for getting to grips with the new way of operating and ensuring that we have had a good year. Of course special thanks are owed to Jo for making our year enjoyable and for her patience in getting us to perform nearly as she would wish.

There are also those who have helped with various tasks:

- Jean for refreshments and catering,
- the strong backed piano shifters,
- Peter for setting up the hall for our concerts and providing the bar and others who have helped make the concerts run smoothly.
- of particular help to Jo has been Ashleigh who has helped with recordings and getting Girls Night Out up to speed with Happy. Ashleigh was presented with a gift as a thank you for her valuable support to Jo, always at her side when needed.

Treasurer's report for 2024-2025

Membership numbers holding steady at about 35 and I am hoping that we are able to sustain this level. (Autumn 24- 37 paid up members, Spring 25- 39 members, Summer 25- 36 members).

At the moment, under Jo's leadership, the regular running costs are £130 per week (£100 for Jo and £30 for hall hire) Termly cost £1310 including nominal £10 to Jean for refreshments. From September under Freya's leadership, the regular running costs will rise to £180 per week. (£150 for Freya and £30 for hall hire) Termly cost £1810 including nominal £10 for refreshments.

We have paid a few random costs this year eg the cost of using the MGS domain name and a one off cost for our lovely new logo.

Our two fund raising concerts have been self financing with all profits going to the charity concerned.

Assuming a slightly pessimistic membership of 30, we would more or less break even if the termly subscription is increased to £60. We only need a membership of 31 to make a very small profit and have money in hand for possible workshops.

Balance at start £927.25

Current balance £3421.66 (Jo's fees and hall hire to be paid)

Money to foodbank (November concert) £650 approx

Money to Modbury May Fair £347.57

Estimated balance at end of this term £2,200 approx

Amendments to the constitution:

- Clause 5.2: deletion of Publicity Officer from list of officers. Kate Byrom has offered to take on publicity issues but not be on the committee.
- Clause 7.4: change to read "If nominations exceed nine, there will be an election by members present and voting at the meeting." (Currently states "If nominations exceed one ...").

Election of committee members and officers.

No need for a vote- there were no new nomination and all current members except Jean Wright were re-elected. Jean will carry on producing her lovely refreshments.

Tim Beavon – Chair

Jane Tonic – Vice Chair

Maureen Bennett – Treasurer

Sian Walker- McAllister – Membership secretary

Kathy Milthorp – Minutes secretary

Heather Farrow – Librarian

Hans Van der Heiden

Paul Stanton

AOB

The 2 choir Ugborough concert for Christian Aid raised over £700.