

Modbury Gospel Singers Committee - May 2026 Meeting

Date	Thursday 28 th May 2026
Start time	20:00
End Time	21:00
Attendees	Tim Beavon (TB), Maureen Bennett (MB), Hans Van der Heiden (HVH), Kate Byrom (KB), Jane Elliot-Toncic (JET), Siân Walker-McAllister (SWM)
Apologies	Heather Farrow (HF)

Agenda Items

1. 2026 AGM
2. Workshop 26 September - Lead organiser required.
3. Thoughts on year to date
4. End of year party
5. Bank account
6. AOB

Item	Discussion	Conclusion/Actions
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2026 AGM to be held 18th June at 7:30pm. ● Agenda to include report on year to date, treasurer's report, election of officers. SWM asked if everything could be in one report; membership, treasurer's, year to date as an 'annual report'? However, membership report will be covered by treasurer's report. ● None of the current committee are intending to stand down, however there will be an open invite for more committee members with a maximum of 9 (currently 7 committee members). For more than 9 members, positions will go to a vote. 	N/A
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workshop - 26th September (10am to 4pm) with Sandra Smith (Singing and Breathing; www.singingandbreathing.co.uk) at the MARS pavilion. ● Sian has volunteered to lead organisation. ● Will require stuff to be put out and put away - volunteers needed. ● Split level cost? Choir members pay a smaller amount, others pay more? ● What catering and how? Shall we provide or do a bring and share? MB - get people to bring a lunch but we can provide cakes for welcome tea and coffee and afternoon tea. Ask Jean if she can make sure there are enough tea bags, coffee etc. ● May need to budget for Freya's attendance. ● Publicity - posters, facebook, usual outlets. Put a paid advert in the Modbury Messenger - Tim/Sian (Sian is currently emailing). ● Sian to speak to the churchwarden to get the poster put in all 5 churches in the mission. ● Flyers - 50 (KB to check costs). KB to produce poster by 10th June. ● Possible to have a committee meeting in September to finalise organisation. ● No performance at end of workshop. <p><i>Post meeting notes:</i></p>	<p>SWM - to organise</p> <p>KB - make posters/flyers</p> <p>Ask Jean if she can sort tea/coffee provisions</p> <p>Ask for volunteers to bring baked goods</p> <p>Volunteers needed for setting up/clearing up.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Total budget - £600 leader + £100 venue + £50 catering = £750. Freya would attend but doesn't want any payment. Charge per person: £15. If we got 30 people coming that would mean MGS would pay £300. At that price we'd need 50 attendees to match the budget.</i> ● <i>Modbury Messenger adverts: Sian has confirmed that we can have a half page advert for free, with the other two at £30 each.</i> 	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thoughts on the year to date - love Freya's vibe, but she could pull us up more. Feel like we are Freya's choir now. She exudes warmth and she brings the best out of us. More than happy to explain things to us when we don't understand/go over parts again. It was noted after the performance at St George's that we seemed more relaxed as a choir and that we are all enjoying it! ● Do we need to reshuffle the vocal ranges? How can we get more men? Tim to go to the Men's Breakfast with the intention of talking about the choir and getting some interest. ● Is there a negative connotation with the word 'gospel'? Do people assume that it is a religious choir? Continue with the strapline of 'a community choir that sings a wide range of genres'. ● It was concluded that currently it is felt that nothing needs to change. 	
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 18th June - end of year party. Bring and share! Jane to leave a list for people to sign up with what they can bring. ● Pimms and non-alcoholic Pimms to be offered. ● AGM, then singing from 7:45 until 8:45 and then refreshments. 	JET to organise leaving a list for bring and share food.
5.	HSBC - meeting a week today to set up a new account with them and then close the Lloyds one. They will not charge us like Lloyds! Espec as they will be increasing the monthly cost from £8.50 to £10! MB to update committee on outcome of meeting.	MB to update following meeting.
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do the hall people know our dates? Tim is certain he has told them but will check emails to confirm. <i>Post meeting note: hall dates confirmed.</i> ● AG concert - Tim to email Neil Barker to see what time we should arrive. Encourage car sharing. <i>Post meeting note: show time at 7pm, MGS to perform at 8:15pm.</i> ● Concerts for next year; none currently in the calendar however it is likely that there will be a May Fair performance again. 	<p>TB to confirm with MARS re. dates.</p> <p>TB to email Rev. Neil Barker.</p>