

Modbury Gospel Singers Annual General Meeting
Thursday 18th June 2026
MARS Hall
7:30pm - 7:45pm

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting.
2. Consideration of a report by the Chair on MGS' activities during the preceding year.
3. Consideration of a report by the Treasurer on the annual accounts.
4. Election of committee members and officers.

Present:

Jean Wright, Mary Wilson, Sophie Peters, Maureen Jeffrey, Liz Lukeman, Mary Ali Williams, Sue Collins, Sian Walker-McAllister, Angela Mabin, Ashleigh Head, Jane Johns, Maureen Bennett, Hans Van der Heiden, Tony Price, Pete South, Tim Beavon, Pauline Carter, Carolyn Whybrow, Kathy Milthorpe, Heather Farrow, Alice Lewthwaite, Liz Barnes, Jo Woodcock, Kate Duckering, Jane Elliot Tonic, Sue Grist

Apologies:

Robin Duckering, Alice Thornton, Lynne Barnes, Pam Jeynes, Kate Byrom

1. Approval of minutes from last year's AGM

Minutes approved.

2. Chair's report for 2025-6

The year began with a major change and some uncertainty, with Freya replacing Jo as our director. Whatever concerns we had were soon overcome as we got to know each other. A few members chose not to continue but we have welcomed new members, including two with whom we made a good impression at our May Fair concert.

We moved back to the MARS Hall and over the year there will have been 30 sessions. The move has generally been welcomed, despite occasional parking difficulties. There have been three performances, raising funds for the Modbury May Fair, supporting Ugborough's Christian Aid week and taking part in Aveton Gifford's Inspired by the River community event.

I'd like to thank the committee members for making sure everything has run smoothly, Ashleigh for managing and developing the webpage, Kate for taking on publicity, Jean for her weekly stint providing refreshments and, of course special thanks are owed to Freya for making our year enjoyable.

3. Treasurer's report for 2025-26

We started the year with just under £2,000 (£1992.66) in our bank account, and we will be finishing the year with approximately £2,300. Our membership numbers have held up well with 33 paid up members in the Autumn term, 30 in the Spring term and 30 this term. So the good news is that there will be no increase in the subscription which will stay at £60 a term.

We have participated in three fundraising events this year, although at the events at Ugborough and Aveton Gifford, we were guest acts rather than the main event, and as such, we weren't involved in the financial side of things. However, the May Fair concert was our own contribution to Modbury May Fair festivities and, after taking out our expenses, we were able to send £291.60 to Modbury May Fair.

We are in the process of moving our bank account from Lloyds to HSBC because Lloyds, who gave us free banking in our first year after opening our business account, then started charging us £8.50 per month and are now increasing their charges to £10 per month. HSBC don't charge a monthly fee for a business account so we are going to save ourselves £120 a year by moving accounts. So next term, when you are invited to pay your subscription, just be aware that the bank details will be different.

4. Election of committee members and officers

Our constitution requires all members of the committee to retire at each annual general meeting, although all are eligible for re-election. The committee can have up to nine members. The committee officers are the chair, vice-chair, treasurer, membership secretary and secretary; all are elected by the membership at the AGM.

The following nominations have been received:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by
Chair	Tim Beavon	Jo Woodcock
Vice chair	Jane Elliot-Tonic	Tim Beavon
Treasurer	Maureen Bennett	Jane Elliot-Tonic
Membership secretary	Siân Walker-McAllister	Maureen Bennett
Secretary	Kate Byrom	Siân Walker-McAllister
Committee member	Heather Farrow	Kate Byrom
Committee member	Hans Van der Heiden	Heather Farrow
Committee member	Jo Woodcock	Hans Van der Heiden

As we don't have more nominations than positions, no vote is necessary and the committee is duly elected.