

WORKS FOR 2016-2017

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| Messiah | Handel | 10 Dec 2016 |
| Gloria Sea Symphony | Poulenc RVW | 1 April 2017 |
| Creation | Haydn | 17 June 2017 |

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| 18 November 2017 | Rutter | Requiem |
| | Jenkins | Armed Man |
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| 9 December 2017 | Handel | Messiah |
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| 17 March 2018 | Faure | Requiem |
| | Faure | Cantique de Jean Racine |
| | Paul Carr | Seven Last words on the cross |
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| 16 June 2018 | Handel | Let thy hand be strengthened |
| | Vivaldi | Gloria |
| | Puccini | Messe di Gloria |

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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are all delighted to welcome the following new members to the Committee:

Treasurers: Rebecca Smith (Soprano 2)

Joe Cieslik (Bass 1)

Both are professional accountants.

Ticket Secretary: Chris Williams. (Tenor 1)

FUND-RAISING FOR THE CHOIR

Those of you at the AGM will recall the invitation to send suggestions to the Committee with regard to fund-raising. A number of ideas have been received from choir members: 100 or 50 Club, Come and Sing Concert, Orchestral Sponsorship for BWR, Sudoku, Crowd-funding page, Applications to Arts Trusts, Sponsored Walk.

A big thank-you for your suggestions which are in addition to the excellent current fundraising activities such as the weekly coffee/tea sales, raffle and produce stalls.

Your valued suggestions were discussed at the last committee meeting and the following were agreed for immediate action. Other will be considered at future meetings together with your future suggestions.

On-going fund-raising:

Instigation of a 50 Club. The details will need to be finalised and a volunteer will be needed to run it. One example from another organisation is that members pay £20 a year and then a draw is made on the first rehearsal of each month when one person wins £50, another £20 and a third, a bottle of wine. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Secretary if interested.

Quiz nights. Would you be interested in such events? Open to members, patrons plus partners? Ticket entry will include food and participation in the quiz and you will be able to bring your own wine. John Kiberd (Tenor rep) has volunteered to organise. Thank you John.

Funding for War requiem November 2018:

This seems a long way off but 2017 is an important year in which we can start to generate funds to ensure that staging this work is a financially viable proposition.

Sponsored walk(s). The 2017 Nidderdale Walk will take place on Sunday 7 May with 5, 10 and 20 mile options. Currently we are trying to get a reduced charge if we have lots of members walking but there may be other opportunities which we can organise. . If interested, please sign the list being circulated or contact Derek Hazlehurst. (Bass)

Arts Grants. We are starting to apply for these now. There is likely to be intense competition. If you have any ideas of how we make our application unique for example, due to our community connections, our location in Ripon and its connections past and present with the Army, do contact Rebecca Smith (Treasurer).

Please note that BWR **Instrument sponsorship** will take place nearer to the event and we look forward to it being as successful as last time.

Still keep your ideas coming!

PUBLICITY

You might have noticed a dearth of publicity in the local press in spite of Annabelle Polito working hard and sending out regular press releases.

We have established, what we hope will be a good relationship with Harrogate International Festivals. They are including our publicity in their mail-outs and we have agreed to do the same, so don't be surprised if I send you information from them.

However, it would be good to get publicity in the local press. One potential way might be to generate articles with an interesting feature about each performance.

This is where you come in.

Could you review the coming programme and if you have interesting publicity ideas for any of the concerts, such as links with local people, links with your own life story, could you let the secretary have them?

OR, if you have experience in generating press releases in your work and would agree to work in a small group on this, do let us know.

UP-AND-COMING SMALL CHOIR EVENTS

3 December. Singing carols for an Army event from 7 -7.30 at the Barracks. For more info or to volunteer, contact John Kiberd (Tenor rep)

27 December. Singing carols at Fountains Abbey. For more information, contact Patrick Earle (Bass rep.)

A big thank-you to those of you who have volunteered to sing and to John and Patrick who are organizing these two money-raising events.