

Kilmarnock Aeolian Male Voice Choir

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7.00pm

President: Al Grant

Vice President: Alex Findlay

Secretary: Willie Wallace

Treasurer: Michael Struthers

Assistant Treasurer: Bill Caldwell

Patronage Secretary: Bill Caldwell

Librarian: Reg Short

General Choir Committee Members: Tom Adams, Alec Clark, John Goodwin

Choir Secretary's Report

This year the Choir celebrates its 90th year since its formation in 1933 as a choir and educational group partially funded by Kilmarnock Burgh Council. In this past year the Choir has shown tremendous enthusiasm in recovering from the lockdown effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Other organisations who would normally form our concert audiences have been slower to recover and so our concerts have been limited, but this has allowed additional time to rehearse new musical items.

Last year I reported that we had 45 singers, and it is really encouraging now to report that we have a total roll of 48 of whom we have 47 active singers. It remains the target to have a total roll of around 55 which would give the choir some flexibility to cope with absences due to holidays and illness.

Following the successful Christmas Concert the Choir's accompanist Mark Robertson resigned his position and we have been fortunate to recruit an excellent replacement on a temporary basis at present. Our current Musical Director, David Walker, following 10 years with the choir originally as accompanist, has decided to stand from the choir. This is a challenge for the Choir Committee to organise the continuity of a new beginning for the Choir.

In the midst of these personnel change the Choir has purchased a new Digital Keyboard which will be encouraging for our professional musicians and choir members alike.

The Choir continues to enjoy its new practice hall at Howard Centre in Kilmarnock, and we are grateful to the staff and volunteers for their support.

Choir Secretary 27th February 2023

