

Royston Choral Society

Charity number 1090459



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 8.50 pm
At St John's Parish Church, Royston

Action

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Huw Jenkins, as Chair, opened the meeting at 8.50 pm during rehearsal interval. Approximately 80 members present.

Apologies received from:

Eleanor Brown, Sue Collins, Val Hirst, Ann Hoptroff, Carole Kaszak, Ellie Kirby, John Piper, Jenny Rodda, Clare Sansom, Emma Sivyver, Fay Skinner, Tessa Storey, Philippa Willmott, Tom Wornham

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 30 SEPTEMBER 2025, MATTERS ARISING

Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record, no corrections, no matters arising, all in favour. Proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Brigid Hickey.

3. MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Musical Director's report had been uploaded to the RCS website for pre-reading.

Andrew addressed the meeting, and congratulated the choir on a season of excellent, varied – and sometimes challenging - concerts. He also expressed thanks to choir members for their commitment and enthusiasm, to the Committee, and to Jonathan Lilley, assistant musical director and accompanist.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair's report had been uploaded to RCS website and the link sent to all singers for pre-reading. Thanks recorded to the Committee and other very important and much appreciated helpers.

Huw thanked Chris Lee for his part in promoting the choir and concerts, but stressed the need for a Publicity Manager (not necessarily a choir member) to manage all the choir's PR and improve our social media presence. For concert day, more helpers with collection and return of staging are needed, and more sign-ups for the 100 Club would help choir funds.

The Treasurer had presented her report as part of the presentation of the financial accounts, including Independent Examiner's report. Reports had been uploaded to the RCS website for pre-reading.

There were no questions on these reports.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

As Treasurer's report above, Society Accounts and Independent Examiner's report had been uploaded to RCS website for members to read prior to the meeting. Accounts had been approved as draft at the Committee meeting held on 21 July 2026. There were no questions.

Accounts adopted: proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Nick Keep.

Thanks are recorded to Cathy Smith as independent examiner. Cathy had agreed to continue for next year. Proposed by Caroline Franks, seconded by Nick Keep.

6. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

All current Committee members had agreed to remain in post. It was agreed that Melanie Dawson-Dew as Librarian should be appointed as a member of the Committee and join the next meeting on 6 October.

Chair and Treasurer are prepared to stand down having been in post for many years, and choir members were encouraged to consider taking over the roles.

7. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Current Committee members have agreed to remain in post and were re-elected en masse.

Proposed by Heather Howard, seconded by Lindsay Dew.

A Publicity Manager is still required.

Committee members:

Huw Jenkins (Chair), Caroline Franks (Treasurer), Andrew O'Brien (Musical Director), Sue Pegram (Secretary)

Carole Kaszak, Jenny Leitch, Penny Morgan, Pauline Rowe Concert Manager, Fay Skinner, and Tracy Kirk Concert Manager.

Part Reps: Brigid Hickey, Chris Lee, Sue Pegram, Anthony Pigg

8. Any Other Business

There was none.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.