

Minutes of Warbler Rehearsal 19 August 2014

Chair: Kathleen

Attendees: DC, SE, JL, KM, MM, RM, DD, JP (with hardly any voice!)

Apologies: JB, WT, LS, MS

Item	Action	
1	Blending exercise Robin led the blending exercise with contributions from DC and DD. It was agreed we should include a song to the warmup routine.	Robin
2	I Can See Clearly Now First outing - not too bad. Perhaps too 'heavy' with 5 chaps doing the Bass 'backing' part. It feels like there is a part missing?? DC supported KM on the Alto section and help balance the men with the 3 ladies present, especially as JP was sans voice, with a bad cold. We did several run throughs and RM suggested we need to get the timing between the women's and men's parts coordinated as they weren't. Women need to follow the men's beat. MM keen we get off the paper copies asap. Finished this song 10 minutes early to give more time to the people who are new to Gaudete.	All to practise
3	Gaudete Missing Mercedes so didn't go through any of the verses and stretch JL's voice! We focused on the men's part, particularly their intro piece which was sounding good after a few run throughs.	All to practise
4	Son of a Preacher Man Second outing. Skipped through the intro section and focused mainly between bar 33 and 45 and the subtle differences in the parts. Agreed it will be great but it has tricky sections which need more time to crack. Another session required to progress asap.	All to practise

	AOB	
5	Leaders for songs All songs now have leaders, parts are on the website. Noted Little Drummer Boy is a small group song which DD will be allocating parts for in due course.	Daniel
6	Subs As Mercedes was not here tonight we agreed to postpone collection of subs until the next meeting when we are all in attendance. As noted previously - JB and MM have already paid (by dint of MM giving JB £10 to cover her printing costs). Come prepared to give up your £10.	All
7	Gig Venue - UNITY HALL (Saturday 29 November). KM has picked this up from WT who is on holiday. After a brief discussion outlining costs and venue details the proposed venue was unanimously agreed by all those present by a show of hands to be the UNITY HALL in Upper Street Islington. JB and LS had sent their approval by email to KM. Costs are: Hire charge £236.25 + cleaning fee £17 = £253.25 (= approx £21 / Wrabler) There is a £300 refundable 'deposit' required on making the booking. Refreshments / alcohol can be served. We have access on the night at 7.000pm to 11.30pm. KM will contact UNITY HALL and confirm the booking and pay the £553.25 required by Friday 22nd August. Checking also the 'Stewarding' issue mentioned.	Kathleen
8	Robin's Flash Choir event - 20th Sept RM to let us know asap what he'd like us to wear for the event. (Men in Tuxedos was mooted by RM) As JL will be away RM to consider a substitute song for Gaudete. Timing - We will be on last which will be about 8.30pm, the hall has to cleared by 9.30pm.	Robin

9	Goring Unplugged GU have been informed about the 'no show' on the 28th Nov but as yet nothing has come back from them on dates for next year so we can pencil ourselves in.	Kathleen
10	Songs for Next Rehearsal Femme-la Dit Money Money Have Yourself a Merry Christmas Chair: Louli Apologies: JB (MM)	Louli