



Leicester Music Society

Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting

at Christchurch Baptist-Methodist Church, Leicester on 9th June 2026 at 7:30 pm

Chair: David Fisher; Attendance 17

1. Apologies David Calow, Margot Comer, Sibyl Fry, Alan Herringshaw, Neil Roberts, Graham Thompson, Carole Thomson

2. Minutes of the previous AGM in 2025 Proposed as a true record by Roger Wheeler, seconded by Bryan Lewis and so agreed.

3. Matters Arising Neil Crutchley advised the meeting that Alan Herringshaw had resigned from the Committee.

4. Hon Treasurer's Report The Treasurer commended his report, copies of which had been distributed to those present. The Society's finances are in a very good state. We have changed bank account to a Lloyds Community account. This costs a little over £5 per month in service charge, now an unavoidable feature of banking. Our balance carried forward to next year is £2,393.05, comparing favourably with £1,724.20 last year. This is all down to our members, visitors and supporters. We have 17 full members compared with 19 last year. 59 visitors' memberships are slightly up on 57 last year. He thanked the generous donations received from Neil Roberts, Bryan Lewis, Neil Crutchley and Robert and David Calow; also David Fisher and Ron Mitchell, who had donated their speaker's fees to the Society. Charity donations at the Christmas event of £250 were paid to our nominated charity. 'Sundry expenses' were payments to performers at the event. Affiliation fees to the FRMS have increased somewhat from £127 to £133. We no longer incur printing and postage costs but we do pay £100 per annum for running the website. Speaker fees remain at £80, which our speakers remain happy with. The Treasurer passed a copy of the latest bank statement to the Secretary for filing. It shows a balance of £2,373.05, which, together with our cash float of £20, makes up the balance carried forward of £2,393.05.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his, as ever, exemplary conduct of our finances. He commented that, because our interval refreshments have been free of charge for a number of years now, the item for 'refreshment sales' could perhaps be removed from the report. Brian Lewis noticed that, happily, our room rent has remained the same; the Treasurer replied that as yet there was no sign of an increase.

Due to temporary unavailability of our auditor, the accounts had not yet been fully audited. This being the case, rather than accept the report, the meeting agreed a motion to take note of it.

5. Chairman's Report Chairman David Fisher did not propose to read his report aloud. Copies had been given to those present, and the report will be posted on the Society website. He paid tribute to the officers, committee members and others for all that they do for the Society. He reminded the meeting of the wealth of information to be found on the Society's website.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members Treasurer David Saunders announced that he will shortly be moving to South Yorkshire. He will carry on his Treasurer duties *pro tem.* until December 2026; in fact he will be coming to Leicester one day in the week to work anyway. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his long service in the role, more than 30 years. Bryan Lewis pointed out that David's other role managing the HiFi and as 'disc jockey' is also very important and he is very good at it.

Sue Bland has recently joined the Committee. All current Committee members having agreed to continue, election of the Committee was proposed by Roger Wheeler, seconded by Robert Calow and carried *nem con.*

The Committee now comprises Sue Bland, Neil Crutchley, David Fisher, Ron Mitchell and David Saunders.

7. Any Other Business The Chairman talked through the programme for next season. See the table below.

Looking even further ahead to the 2027–2028 season, we will ask Robert Calow; Andrew Keener; possibly composer Will Todd (though he always has a very full diary); and Michael Ponder, a record producer who specialises in British music.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Programme 2026–2027

Date	Speaker	Subject
13 Oct	Nick Bailey	TBD
10 Nov	David Calow	Film music of John Barry
8 Dec	Neil Crutchley	Light music, or classical music on TV and radio
12 Jan	Julian Hellaby	TBD options are Beethoven, Chaminade or Liberace!
9 Feb	Nigel Simeone	Janáček
9 Mar	Robert Ramskill	TBD He is a composer whose arrangements often feature in <i>Songs of Praise</i> .
13 Apr	Sierra Farquhar-Wulff	American and British approaches to choral music and training
11 May	Sue Bland	Depictions of weather
8 Jun	AGM	