Minutes of HRS Committee Meeting Z 42 Tuesday 27th Jan at 7pm.

1. **Those Present:** Helen Hooker (Musical Director *ex officio*), Penny Smith (Chair), Andy Cordery(Treasurer), Jean Campbell (vice-chair, publicity and Facebook), Angie Jones (Concert Manager), Angela Barnes, Pippa Belas, Alison Raines and Franceska Dante

2. **Apologies** None

3. **Acceptance of the minutes of Z 41 Deferred to next meeting.**

4. **HRS committee personnel for 2026**
    a. Jean Campbell will be stepping away from the committee at the AGM. The committee thanked her profusely for all her dedicated work on the committee's behalf over the last 10 years. She will continue to edit the HRS's daily Facebook page and will remain as our 'Making Music' representative. Other present members agree to continue serving HRS for another year should they be voted in at the AGM.
    b. Committee agreed that 2 new members among present membership should be canvassed to join the committee. Penny to pursue.

5. **AGM** Feb 14th - papers will go out to membership on Jan 30th.

6. **Financial**
    a. Signatories
    Andy will pursue the matter of extra signatories and authorisations with Barclays bank as soon as possible.
    b. A £25 donation has been requested by 'Music in Portsmouth' for various services available to HRS and agreed.

7. **Long rehearsals in 2026:** Feb 14/ May 9/ November 14

8. **HRS - Is it 'A Performance Orchestra'?**
    a. **YES:** It must be made clear to all members that HRS is a Performance Orchestra and *not* a rehearsal orchestra where players can just turn up on the day for a jolly play of unprepared music. Both Musical Director and Chair have aimed to make it clear in their reports that membership of HRS involves dedication as well as fun. Unprepared

playing can only lead to a depreciation of what HRS stands for. We expect every player to arrive at rehearsals well prepared.

b. Committee discussed the practicalities and advantages of setting up sectional rehearsals; but all agreed that if players put in the required practice, there would be no need to consider this contingency.

9. 2026 CONCERTS

a. Summer Concert 1

A Voyage Around the British Isles at St James Road Methodist Church Shirley Southampton May 16th 3.30 (tbc)

Programme
Farnaby Lord Zouche's Masque
Schmelzer Sonata
Wassenauer Larghetto Affetuoso
Clark Variations on Scarborough Fair
Hall 3 Sketches of Scotland
Marshall Festival Fantasy
Coates By the Sleepy Lagoon
Wood The Horseguards, Whitehall

Encore Grainger Irish Tune from County Derry

b. Summer Concert 2

A European Odyssey. June 26th at St George's Whyke Chichester 7.30 (tbc) will be advertised in the Chichester Festival brochure.

Programme
Telemann Overture in A minor
Farnaby Lord Zouche's Masque
Marshall Festival Fantasy
Wassenauer Larghetto Affetuoso
Richards The Imps of Lincoln
INTERVAL
Schmelzer Sonata
Gabrieli Canzon Primi Toni
Clark Variations on Scarborough Fair
Hall 3 Sketches of Scotland
Coates By the Sleepy Lagoon
Shannon Suspicion

Encore Grainger Irish Tune from County Derry

10. **South Harting Elizabethan Popup** Friday April 24th
    a. 16 players have made themselves available:
       Alison Bev Catherine Christine Esther Francesca Geoff Glyn Jane Jean Jenni Lynn(P) Mike Penny Rosemary and Sarah
    b. Sessions and repertoire still under consideration with Penny and Glyn.
    c. Rehearsals will take place at Shirrell Heath Methodist church hall on a few Wednesday evenings.

11.Succession Planning

Penny urged all committee members to identify a member to shadow their committee position so they would be able to take over should the need arise.

12.**AOB The HRS Constitution**

'Having a formal structure in place tells people you are serious about what you do and gives them confidence in you'. (MM 2026)

a. All new players receive a copy of the HRS Constitution with their joining pack. The 2017 Constitution is an overcomplicated guide which needs revision to reflect a simpler presentation of present day requirements.
b. There was some discussion as to the naming of the HRS 'governing document'. This will be decided at a future exec meeting. (Chair, Vice chair and Treasurer)

Date and time of next meeting Z 43

Tuesday February 28th at 7pm