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Report to FCOCA 2018

The Association has had another fruitful year. Following last year's successful reunion bar-be-que it was felt that we should not rely of this format too much, but should return to a more traditional event on occasions. We were fortunate that we were able to use the excellent facilities of the Cathedral Lodge in the Precincts for the reunion, which was much enjoyed by all..

At Evensong, most of us, having rehearsed, were invited to sing the Canticles and Anthem. This was much appreciated by those taking part, as was listening to the care taken over the singing of Psalm 78.

The AGM followed and Chris Gibbs, who for many years had been Assistant Secretary, was elected to the post of General Secretary. A post which my father, Victor Gibbs, who passed away at the end of August aged 98, had in the past held for many, many years. After some free time, drinks were served at The Cathedral Lodge followed by Dinner in the Main Hall. During this we were entertained by some very fine unaccompanied singing by five young old choristers.

The Cathedral Choir is at full strength with no vacancies which is a good sign for the future of the Choral Tradition. As an example, for the fifth year running Canterbury had a finalist in the Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year Competition.

The New Organ project is progressing at great speed. Amongst many other new stops, the new 32' Open Wood has been installed and tested and will adequately under-pin the mighty new sound.

Chris Gibbs.
Hon. Sec. CCOCA.