



FEDERATION OF CATHEDRAL OLD CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATIONS

NEWSHEET 23

October 2018

The Executive Committee was due to meet on Saturday 3rd February but, due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting had to be cancelled. However, we did meet on 13th October 2018 in Leamington Spa.

PRESIDENTIAL ROLE

The Dean of the host establishment where we hold our annual Festival has traditionally been given the honorary position of President. This has caused some issues when there is no Dean in place or they are due to move on, and they are not sure what their role as President entails. The committee has decided that the Dean of the host establishment will be known as The Festival President, to more clearly define their role as a figurehead over the weekend.

AGM AT CHELMSFORD

We had a very successful AGM at Chelmsford, and a super Festival at Peterborough. You can find reports from both events in Once a Chorister magazine, which has now been published on the website www.fcoca.org.uk Nicola Pollard was appointed as Honorary Secretary at the AGM.

ONCE A CHORISTER

The 2018 edition has now been published on-line on our website www.fcoca.org.uk, which may be printed or circulated in electronic format. We will publish Association reports directly to the website to keep the magazine down to a size which makes it more economical to print.

We are aware that a number of Associations arranged to have a supply of last year's issue printed for circulation to their members. At the AGM, Richard Belton (Leicester) volunteered to arrange for printing of this year's issue for other Associations alongside his own. A larger print order will help bring down unit costs. Email Richard (richard.t.belton@btinternet.com) if you are interested in this offer.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Federation membership cards, available free of charge for choir leavers, and obligatory for attendees at AGMs and Festivals, are currently being produced by Alastair Pollard. Email him on Alastair.pollard@Outlook.com with at least two weeks' notice before they are required.

FUTURE AGMS & FESTIVALS

The 2019 AGM will be held at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 11th May. We hope to publish a printable booking form on our website in the New Year.

The 2019 Federation Festival will be held at Portsmouth Cathedral on Friday 21st June – Sunday 23rd June 2019. Like this year (2018) we hope to have a secure Internet booking form.

Rochester has generously offered to host the 2020 AGM, and Warwick has offered to host a festival in 2023 but we are still seeking venues for Festivals from 2020 and 2021 and AGMs from 2021 onwards. Please email me at secretary@fcoca.org.uk if you think your Association might host one of these events and I will be pleased help in any way I can.

As we are struggling to find hosts for future AGMs and Festival, it has been suggested that they could be combined if we cannot find enough hosts. No decision has been taken. What do you think?

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