

## **FCOCA Secretary's report for AGM (via Zoom) 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The 2021 AGM was due to be held in Ely during the FCOCA 2021 Festival, but was rescheduled to take place as a video conference on the same date, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since the 2020 AGM the Executive committee met a number of times using Zoom: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Development sub-committee met separately (in addition), and the Chair & Secretary managed to meet informally in person. Despite IT glitches we managed very well with good attendances, and it did save committee members a lot of time and travel costs, not to mention doing a small bit to reduce noxious emissions. Minutes of all committee meetings are produced, and Newsletters published to our Website, so there is little else to mention here.

Thanks must go to my wife Nicola who takes minutes during our committee meetings.

**Alastair Pollard (Honorary Secretary)**

## **Regional Representatives report for AGM (via Zoom) 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many associations have not met in the past year either in person or virtually using video-conferencing software. This has significantly affected churches, cathedrals and choirs, and many former chorister events, gatherings, and meetings were not possible. However, a few FCOCA associations have met using video-conferencing software, and some have now started to meet in person. Hence there is very little news from the Regions.

- **Durham:** The Chorister School at Durham merged with Durham School in September 2021 to form the Durham Cathedral Schools Foundation (DCSF). Some of the former Chorister School buildings will continue to be used by younger pupils, and the Cathedral Choir will continue as before. To stay relevant to changing times, Choristers no longer need to board at the School. Durham Cathedral Old Choristers' Association will merge into the Old Dunelmians Society, but will continue to exist as a subsidiary and retain its name and identity, together with membership of the Federation.
- **Salisbury:** Salisbury Cathedral will be celebrating 30 years of the Girls Choir with a special concert with former girl choristers singing in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 9 October 2021 at 7.30.