

Notes from meeting held 8 June 2016 - 20th Anniversary Celebrations for BOS

Present: Carol P, Kate, Anna, Heather, Judy, Gill D, Wendy, Renate

Ideas for the event

- A concert with 20 songs - one from each year of the life of Body of Sound
- IWD event possibly with Voca Loca
- Event with other groups who we have worked with (ie Sage, Koran women)
- BOS is a garden – growth of BOS and what it means to us
- Recipe Book / Song Book
- Lockerbrook / other venue weekend with BOS women only

Concert

Discussion took place regarding the above suggestions and it was agreed that we would source a venue for a concert initially and see what is available. The dates to be looked at are either side of IWD - 4th and 11th March.

Venue	Who is going to enquire	Results
St. Andrews	Gill	Saturday 11 March is free. Could you let me know the starting and finishing times and whether you need rooms in addition to the hall? Do you need the kitchen? The hall is £17/hour and the kitchen is usually £10/hour, but for an all day meeting, I can usually make some reductions when I know precisely your requirements.
Broomhall Centre	Gill	Nothing come back
Abbeydale Picture House	Anna	Now out of the running.
Polish Club (Millenium Hall)	Kate	Available on both March 4th and 11th. To have the hall from 2pm till 11pm would cost £200, and it would be the same if we had it from 5 or any other time after 2. The woman I spoke to has pencilled me on for these two dates and I said I'd get back to her on Thursday to confirm whether we want either of them. Sounds like a pretty reasonable deal to me... The only disadvantage of this venue is parking, but for public transport it's great and there is plenty of parking on side roads as long as people are aware of the meters and rules – too small now.
Merlin Theatre	Wendy	Friday 4 or Friday 11 March 2017 could be do-able. It would have to be from 4pm not 3pm, to allow our

		students time to leave. We've got 2 performance spaces - the Arnold Freeman hall which seats up to 70, and the theatre which seats up to 200. Prices are £250 for Arnold Freeman hall, and £500 for the theatre. Both prices include use of the kitchen and cafe area and the cost of having a theatre manager on call at all times. Fine for you to bring and serve your own food. You'd have to finish and clear the building by 11pm.
St. Mary's	Wendy	St Mary's has availability on both dates in a room to accommodate 150. However, they do not allow for self catering. They are phoning me back with ball park figure including food. Less promising in the light of that.
Crookes Social Club	Wendy	Crookes Social Club has availability only on 4th March. Morris has pencilled us in on that date. 2 - 11pm. The concert room would be the space. Has capacity for up to 500 with a stage and also dance floor. No problem to do our own catering. However, they would want us to use their bar: fully licensed. Teas and coffees also available. That is how they make their profit. Hire cost £150. He is holding it for us. Does anyone know the space? We can go and view. I go on holiday this Wednesday for a week so someone else would need to do that. One of us probably knows the space anyway? Let me know your thoughts.
Ecclesall Parish Hall	Carol	I've had a Google at Ecclesall Parish Hall. It's near Ecclesall library and on the bus route going up Eccy Road, about 10 minutes further by bus than where we used to sing. It's a good size, there is a stage, not too high, a kitchen and it holds 180 (see http://www.allsaintsecclesall.org.uk/page.php?page=66), but it's pricey at £340 for the hall and kitchen for the 2pm-11pm time span (£240 for the first 4 hours and £20 per hour thereafter). I haven't checked availability because of this, but could do if we think it's one for the list.

Weekend

It was also suggested that BOS would may be like the possibility of a weekend away to celebrate together - Lisa to seek availability of Lockerbrook (what is available). Gill to also contact Horton Women's Centre to see how many women they could host and get a price and availability for a weekend.

Suggestions were made that we may want to raise funds maybe for a specific project.