

## **Chair's Report for AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.**

In December 2013 Helen Lyle let us know that she had decided not to return as Musical Director of Body of Sound. Kate Thomas was teaching us at that point and she agreed to continue doing so until Easter 2014 when, she said, she would let us know if she would like to continue as MD and on what basis. After a two way review Kate, to our delight, said she would like to continue and with a permanent contract and we all breathed a huge sigh of relief. Thank you Kate.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, Mary Marken spent a session with us helping us to think ahead and to decide what we wanted for BOS in the future; those of us who attended found it very helpful in enabling us to recognise what it is about BOS which is most important to us . In the Spring term we finally made a decision about what we should do with our reserves, and made donations to, the Palestinian Scholarship Fund, the Women's Refuge and Freedom from Torture.

Lisa organised another very successful trip to Laurieston in April, once again her quiet beavering away meant everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Lisa.

There was an equally successful Tea Party for Assist in May where we raised over £ 600-00. Thank you to Penny and Renate for all their hard work in planning and organising the event, to the other women who helped with this and to those who volunteered to do the preparation and clearing up on the day. A special "pinny" award goes to Hilary.

We even managed a couple of busking sessions when again, we raised funds for Assist. Janice and Penny both had major birthdays and we were invited to, and sang at, brilliant birthday parties.

All in all another eventful year, but as always the best bit is learning a variety of new songs and singing them together.

Carol Pickering - Chair