



### FEDERATION OF CATHEDRAL OLD CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATIONS

#### **NEWSHEET 24**

## June 2019

The Executive Committee met in Leamington Spa on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. The AGM took place in Lichfield on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **AGM AT LICHFIELD**

We had a successful AGM at Lichfield, but the number of attendees (14) was rather disappointing. There was some doubt about having a choral Evensong as the cathedral choir was unavailable, but we managed to find enough singers from Lichfield OCs and Federation members to do us proud. A full report will be published in November in our Once a Chorister magazine.

# FEDERATION NAME AND BRANDING

These days, the name and brand of an organisation is very important. This is true for The Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations too, so we have been looking at our own name and image. For example, should we include the word "old" in our name, or would it be better to replace it with the word "former"? The committee have been looking at this topic, and Nick Hodges (Vice-Chairman) led a short discussion at the AGM. Do you have any comments to make? Please let us know.

### **FUTURE AGMS & FESTIVALS**

The 2019 Federation Festival will be held at Portsmouth Cathedral on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. We hope to see you there.

Year	AGM	Festival
2020	Rochester (9th May)	Chester (11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September)
2023		Warwick

We have a possible venue for the 2021 festival, and a tentative enquiry about hosting the 2022 festival. 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. Please let me know if your Association might host one of these events and I will be pleased help in any way I can.

All Saints Kingston Choir Association has applied for membership of The Federation, and we hope to have another application soon.

Alastair (our chairman) hopes to publish the Once a Chorister magazine on our website in November 2019. Please send information and articles to him or me by the end of October 2019.

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