

Appendix 1: Office Holders

There are gaps in our records before regular minutes began; some of the officers in the early period may therefore have served for longer periods than listed. The early dates come from other sources, e.g. reports of AGM meetings in the *Oxford Times*; reviews in the local press; programme notes; term cards; George Thewlis's list of OHS concerts.

The office of chair in the early period is particularly difficult to track down. We know that Alderman E.G. Lewis was elected chairman by the AGM from 1931-1933 because of three reports of AGM meetings in the *Oxford Times*, but there is then no further evidence until 1943, when our minute books start. At this point, Hugh Allen was chairing committee meetings, presumably in his role as president. After Allen's death in 1946, there seems to have been no permanent chair until 1952 when Walter Lockett was elected by the committee, as were all subsequent chairs until 2012, when they were once again elected by the choir.

Presidents: Hugh Allen, 1924-1946; Jack Westrup, 1947-71; David Lumsden, 1972-6; Denis Arnold, 1977-86; Brian Trowell, 1990-2002

Chairs: Alderman E.B. Lewis, 1931-3; Walter Lockett, 1952-4; Stanley Jones, 1954-5; Mr F.C. Anstey, 1955-7; Mr A.A. Grant, 1957-60; Rosalind Noyce, 1961-5; Trevor Hyman, 1965-71; Joe Wilson, 1971-85; Angela Conybeare-Cross, 1985-6; Susan Timperley, 1986-9; Trevor Hyman, 1989-95; Constance Rollett, 1995-6; Sarah King, 1997-2012; Lindsey Charles, 2012-18; Mandy Townsend, 2018-

Secretaries: Mrs E.M. Birt, 1931-3; Miss H.H. Pusey, 1938; Kenneth Hutton, 1941; Peter Given, 1943-4; Duncan Thomson, 1944-6; Margaret Herd, 1946-61; Frank Garside, 1961-80; Sarah King (née Maclure), 1980-93; Alan Mapstone, 1993-4; Rosalyn Staveley, 1994; Pat Salisbury, 1996-7; Trevor Hyman, 1998-2001; Philippa Logan, 2001-5; Sue Palmer, 2006-7; Roger D'Arcy, 2007-12; Alice Luck, 2012-18; David Hyland, 2018-19; Rainer Bühler, 2019-

Treasurers: Oliver West, 1931-3; Eleanor Collier, 1943-5; Helen Muir, 1945-7; C. Aubrey Wale, 1947-54; Walter Lockett, 1954-5; Miss E.D. Bott, 1955-9; Joe Wilson, 1959-69; Jim Williamson, 1969-85; Ken Gadd, 1985-92; Doug Nixon, 1992-2003; William Cook, 2003-10; Lindsey Charles, 2010-12; Simon Pearmain, 2012-18; David Morris, 2018-

Conductors: Oliver West, 1922; Mrs Cook, 1922; Reginald Jacques, 1923-30; John Dykes Bower, 1930-2; Trevor Harvey, 1933; Sydney Watson, 1933-8; Herbert Kennedy Andrews, 1938-41; George Thewlis, 1941-61; David Lumsden, 1961-3; Richard Silk, 1963-71; Peter Ward Jones, 1971-80; Philip Cave, 1980-9; Brian Trowell, 1989-90; Robert Secret, 1990-

Accompanists: Mrs O. West, 1922-3; Vida Wiblin, 1923; Phyllis Edens, 1925-37; Duncan Thomson, 1945-6; Basil Thewlis, 1946-52; Norman Large, 1952-9; Anthony Crossland, 1959-61; Harry Diack Johnstone, 1961-2; Lionel Pike, 1962-5; John Langdon, 1965-7; Eleanor Mathews, 1967-89; John Oxlade, 1989-92; Roger Allen, 1992-5 (assistant conductor 1995-2000); Brian Hitch, 1996-2004; David Langdon (accompanist & assistant conductor), 2004-

