Chairman's Report to the AGM 3.10.17

A year ago, my predecessor, Marian, sent me on my way as Chairman with her best wishes. I don't know what her wishes are made of but I can strongly recommend them to anyone seeking fulfilment, reward and enjoyment.

I shall not repeat my various votes of thanks already expressed in the letter which accompanied our subscription notices delivered at the beginning of August. It has been heartening to learn that almost everyone who finished the season with the choir and orchestra last June has renewed their subscription for the current season and the Society is as strong as ever. You will learn from our treasurer, Paul, that we have enjoyed a financially successful year and from Audrey, our secretary, you have a comprehensive and heartening summary of the Society's activities since our last AGM.

I know I shouldn't anticipate the results of our elections but we should all be delighted that we have two candidates who are prepared to fill one vacant position and one new position on our committee. We shall have more to say about these positions in the coming weeks. It's equally heartening to report that all current members of your committee have agreed to stand for another year. This is a testament to their commitment and enthusiasm for which we should all be very grateful.

Our gratitude and appreciation can be reflected in our determination to produce music of the highest quality and to encourage and persuade everyone we know, and don't know, to attend our concerts and fill the Colosseum to the rafters. How often do we have to reflect on a wonderful performance to a hall only half full caused by a lack of confidence in our ability to rise to the occasion? If we make just one resolution for the coming year, let it be to sell as many tickets as we can for every concert. We shall be the winners if we do and the losers if we don't.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm over the past year and on behalf of your committee, it's been a pleasure serving you.

David Pollak