

AGM Profile

My name is Phil Powditch and am standing for election as the Chairman of Ipswich Choral Society at the 2020 AGM.

I joined ICS at the beginning of 1999, and my first concert was lucky enough to sing Mozart's Requiem, with the City of London Sinfonia, still one of my favourite works to sing! That also happened to be the first time Cem Mansur conducted the choir.

I have sung in most concerts since, except for a couple of short spells when I was working in other parts of the country.

I started singing when I was around ten years old, as a boy soprano, in the church choir at Peasenhall, continuing until about ten years later, now singing tenor, in the Wickham Market church choir. At around this time, I also started to sing with the Phoenix Singers in Framlingham, and a little later I dabbled in amateur dramatics where I was on stage with The Company of Four in Woodbridge throughout the 1990's.

However, in all my time singing, I have most enjoyed my time with ICS. I always found the members to be so friendly and commit fully to the concerts that we give.

We are incredibly lucky to have some exceptionally talented singers and receive outstanding tuition and direction from both Robin and Roy. If elected I will ensure that the choir are always in a position to take advantage of those opportunities, so that our members, and supporters in the audiences are able to maximise the enjoyment from their hobby by being able to sing and listen to a mixture of both new challenging and familiar music. I also believe that we need to continue our tradition of forging relationships with other artists, whether they be composers, musicians, soloists or other choirs.

I also feel very strongly that we should all feel immensely proud of our history. To exist for nearly two hundred years speaks volumes for those who have been involved in the society over the years, and I will put the choir in best possible position to celebrate and enjoy our two hundredth birthday in 2024.