Trustees' Annual Report

(Accompanying Accruals Accounts)

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name: Tilford Bach Society

Registered charity number: 230601

For the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2013.

Principal Address:

c/o Mrs Jill Denbigh, 17 Firgrove Court Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QD

Trustees:

The following members of the Executive Committee:

R John Horrocks

Chairman

Angela Arathoon

Deputy Chair

Ian Sargeant

Treasurer

Jill Denbigh

Secretary

Susan Sagun

Minutes Secretary

Richard Punshon

Member

Douglas Steele

Member to 22 March 2013

Rosemary Thomas

Member

Peter Wisbey

Member to 22 March 2013

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The Annual General Meeting of members makes all appointments but the Executive Committee is empowered to fill any vacancy until the following Annual General Meeting.

Governing Document:

Constitution and Rules as amended on 5 November 1963, 17 April 1998 and 31 March 2001.

Objects of Charity:

The advancement of musical education by the public performances of:

- (a) works by J S Bach in a manner consistent with the style and demands of his period
- (b) works by other composers at the discretion of the Executive Committee
- (c) works which the Society may commission.

Section 2: Activities and Achievements

The principal musical event of the Society is the Tilford Bach Festival held annually in the spring. In the year 2013, the following events took place during this festival:

 24 May: there was a performance at Farnham Castle by the "Four Centuries of Bach Ensemble" of Toronto, who performed music by JSBach.

- 25 May: at Tilford there was a concert by the London Handel Players joined by Rachel Brown (flute) who performed music by JSBach and Rameau.
- 26 May: at Tilford there was a performance of JSBach's Cantatas 165 and 129 and his Magnificat by the Choir of the Theatre of Early Music and the London Handel Orchestra with Adrian Butterfield, conductor.

The net operating deficit that resulted from the main festival concerts was approximately £5,190. This deficit was covered by surpluses from other events held during the year, subscriptions, collections and donations from members.

To fulfil further the objectives of the society, and raise funds for festivals, eight public concerts were held at venues in and around Farnham. These events were successful musical ventures and yielded an overall surplus of some £2500.

Each December, Carols by Candlelight are sung on a Saturday afternoon and evening in Tilford church, performed by professional singers, and collections are taken for nominated charities. This event took place on 8 December and resulted in a surplus of £172. The collection for charity yielded £500, which was split equally between Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and the funds of All Saints Church, Tilford.

Section 3: Finance

The society had an overall surplus of more than £1000 over the year. The total income from ticket sales for the festival and members evenings was £24,663 compared to £29,324 last year. However the expenses were reduced from £30,193 to £23,645.

As anticipated in last year's report, the Reserve Fund has been reduced from £6,000 to £4,000 because £2,000 was written off for unsold copies of the book "Bach comes to Tilford".

The General Fund stood at £9,589 on 31 December, compared with £8,572 last year.

Section 4: Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Section 5: Declaration

The trustees have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed

Reginald John Horrocks

Chairman

Date: 18 February 2014.