**TREASURER’S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023-24**

This year has been a period of quiet consolidation for many societies, although there is a continuing flow of members who have withdrawn from the scene as attendances decline or those willing to undertake organisation diminishes.

We did attempt to revive the pre-pandemic arrangements for an annual meeting of the Board, although the committee continued to meet via Zoom which has resulted in a considerable reduction in costs, as indeed has the reversion to holding the Annual General Meeting by internet. Once again, as a result of this, we have again been able to hold the subscriptions paid by individual societies to the level of the previous year despite the massive economic inflation of the past two or three years. But the FRMS nevertheless continues to operate at an annual loss, largely because societies which are ceasing to be active sometimes inform us only after we have already incurred payments for licenses or insurance on their behalf. Fortunately this has been less of a problem this year than sometimes in the past.

I would once again especially like to thank Adele Wills for her assistance during the year in issuing correspondence on my behalf to individual societies. Indeed, it is solely thanks to her invaluable assistance that I have been able to carry forward my activities as FRMS Treasurer at a time when I have continued to be simultaneously involved in the composition, preparation for performance and recording, of a whole series of musical works which are now beginning also to involve promotional and academic events abroad. So, once again I would like to urgently invite expressions of interest from anybody who might be interested in taking on the role of national Treasurer in future years. It would be desirable for anyone concerned to spend a year ‘shadowing’ the work before taking over, so no immediate commitment would be required.

PAUL CORFIELD GODFREY

**ACCOUNTS 1 AUGUST 2023 TO 31 JULY 2024** 2021-22

Balance at 1 August 2023 16157.66

Credits Subscriptions  8933.93 10032.32

Debits Internet 282.93 270.94

Newsletter 160.39 338.96

Postage and stationery 340.68 283.75

Directors’ insurance 669.61 659.61

Insurance 3029.00 3029.00

Committee expenses 1042.68 88.94 PRS 5209.50 4979.46

Balance at 31 July 2024 14356.80

DEFICIT 1800.86

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

Based on our review of the papers provided, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements have not been prepared so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the company’s affairs as at 31 July 2024, and of its surplus for the year then ended.

RUTH WILLIAMS DAVID BROOK