

ECC AGM

Monday 5th September 2022

Freston Village Hall

19:30

- **Chairmans Thoughts**

We have had a great year, a year in which we gained members, and unfortunately lost some, we went out and sang for the public, in a pub, at an event, and in the streets of Ipswich.

Our membership is at **27**, and obviously we would welcome more members.

ECC is fun, the way we interact with each other, the jokes, and the silliness at times, keeps the whole ECC experience an enjoyable one... And we learn!!

Our first sing out told us a lot, mostly about our song choices.. In the policy and purpose document we set out that we aim to do less traditional barbershop stuff and more contemporary songs that people know.. This seems to have been the right choice, as when we did that first sing out at Mannings, we had great applause for the “popular songs”, and muted applause for the more traditional stuff. Our formula is working. Even the convention songs that we’ve picked are two “known” songs, so we’re staying on track.

Don’t think that we won’t do some more traditional stuff, if the right one comes along, we will do it, the traditional stuff tends to be better for tuning and chords, so every now and then one of those will help in many ways.

I wish to thank Lou for her great work behind the scenes, we haven’t had any arguments about the chorus.... Yet!

And also, I’d like to thank Ben for his efforts, and the time he puts in away from rehearsals, and I must say he’s a bloody good teacher!!

And I’d like to thank you lot, the members of East Coast Collective, without you we wouldn’t have a chorus, that’s obvious, but without you we wouldn’t be who we are.

You all make coming to rehearsals a joy.... And that goes for this table too!