

Wren has recruited a new Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Syd Maddicott has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Wren Music for a three-year term to September 2021.

A former diplomat, latterly as British High Commissioner to Cameroon and Ambassador to three neighbouring countries, Syd also has experience in sales and marketing and consultancy. He is currently part-time Chairman of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR) which decides pay increases, allowances and pension rules for the staff of six major international organisations, including the OECD, NATO, the Council of Europe and the European Space Agency.

Syd applied to Chair the Board of Trustees of Wren Music because of a deep interest in folk music. He was a member for over seven years and until very recently of the Old Gaffers shanty crew who perform regularly in Devon and elsewhere. He sings solo in various venues in England and Scotland.

Commenting on his appointment Syd said: *"My love of folk music started at school with 'Singing Together' on the radio, though I didn't take up performing until my thirties. I admire very much the work that Wren does and in particular the encouragement it gives to adult beginners. I am convinced that Wren's work must be continued and look forward to working with my fellow trustees, Wren staff and volunteers to ensure it has a bright future."*