

Newsletter No 1

Newsletter. Whenever it is appropriate we plan to issue a Wing Singers' newsletter to keep members updated on a variety of topics. We hope that this will be helpful to everyone, especially those who cannot attend all rehearsals and so might miss useful announcements on rehearsal nights.

Volunteers. Many thanks to all the members who responded to a call for volunteers...we were inundated with offers! Your names have been noted and some tasks already given out, but more help will undoubtedly be needed later and we now have a good-sized number of volunteers to call on.

Attendance Register. We are grateful to Maggie Ryan for agreeing to head up the small team who will check members in on arrival, helped as necessary by Claire Carpenter, Claire Collier and Karen Sirett.

Name Badges. Pin on name badges will be brought into use from the rehearsal on 8 March. We hope that these will help members to get to know each other during rehearsal evenings, especially when socializing afterwards. These will be laid out in alphabetical (by first name) order on a table before members arrive; they will be collected back on departure.

Music. Details regarding the ordering/payment etc for music will follow very soon. The plan is for members to be using 'own copies' of music in Rehearsal 6 on 8 March; **please bring a pencil** to this and other rehearsals as we will be marking our copies as we work through them.

Notice Board. Choir notices, and copies of newsletters etc, will be posted on one of the noticeboards in the hallway of Wing Village Sports & Social Club.

Publicity

The choir could benefit from regular publicity in a variety of ways, such as:

- our rehearsal dates appearing on the front page of 'What's on in Wing' (WoiW) AND the 'Events Page' of the Wing Parish website (www.wingparish.org);
- being mentioned in the 'what's on in local villages' items in the local papers, which Sarah Roe is now co-ordinating for Wing;
- adverts for the choir being placed in a variety of places;
- arrangements for publicity for specific events, etc.

Any member who feels willing to take on this responsibility should contact Lance Redler (see final paragraph).

Wing Carnival. Wing's annual Carnival takes place on Sunday 18 July. Although this day clashes with the Road to Freedom Leighton Buzzard concert that members have already been contacted about and which takes place in the evening, Jill had a thought that our choir could perform at the Carnival during the afternoon. More of this later perhaps!

Rehearsal Dates

To help members plan their diaries until the end of the summer holidays, confirmed rehearsal dates for the choir are given below.

Now that names are being recorded when members arrive at rehearsals, please allow enough time for this, to pick up the name badges and to be seated, so that rehearsals can start promptly at 5:00pm; they will normally finish at 6:00pm (*rehearsals for those wishing to take part in the*

'Road to Freedom' performance will be arranged for 15 mins either immediately before or after our normal rehearsals), with an opportunity to socialize afterwards:

- 8.2.15: Rehearsal 5
15.2.15: NO rehearsal
22.2.15: NO rehearsal
1.3.15: NO rehearsal
8.3.15: Rehearsal 6
15.3.15: Rehearsal 7 (Mothering Sunday)
22.3.15: NO rehearsal
29.3.15: Rehearsal 8 (in school holidays –replacing 22.3.15)
5.4.15: NO rehearsal
12.4.15: NO rehearsal
19.4.15: Rehearsal 9
26.4.15: Rehearsal 10
3.5.15: * *an opportunity to perform some of our repertoire as part of a concert at the Wendover Church Flower Festival; the time and the day are to be confirmed*
- 10.5.15: Rehearsal 11
17.5.15: Rehearsal 12
17-5-15: * *'On the Road to Freedom' 1st main rehearsal at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre. (10-4pm (to be confirmed) for those who have opted to be involved)*
24.5.15: NO rehearsal
31.5.15: NO rehearsal
7.6.15: Rehearsal 13
14.6.15: Rehearsal 14
14.6.15: * *'On the Road to Freedom' 2nd main rehearsal at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre (10-4pm (to be confirmed) for those who have opted to be involved)*
21.6.15: Rehearsal 15 (Father's Day)
28.6.15: Rehearsal 16
5.7.15: Rehearsal 18
12.7.15: Rehearsal 19
14 to 16.7.15: * *'On the Road to Freedom' evening rehearsals at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre (times and evenings to be confirmed) for those who have opted to be involved)*
17, 18.7.15: * *'On the Road to Freedom' evening performances (for those who have opted to be involved)*
18.7.15: *Wing Carnival. The Wing Singers could perform during the **afternoon**.*
19.7.15: Rehearsal 19 (the last before the Summer break)
13.9.15: Rehearsal 20 (the first after the Summer break)

** Regarding the (sometimes provisional) concert/performance dates that may be given, separate details will always be provided. Please understand that The Wing Singers' members are only invited to take part – there will never be any pressure.*

Facebook. A choir member, Jenni Marr, will be putting *The Wing Singers* on Facebook. Please add to it whatever you wish (within reason of course!). By the way, don't mistakenly confuse us with the Facebook entry for 'Wing Singers' – an Hungarian gospel choir! Jenni will at some point be taking choir group and other photos for Facebook. Should anyone not wish to be included (or their children), they should stand aside.

ifs, Buts & Babies. Jill Neenan and Avelia Moisey (another professional and a member of our choir) are, on Thursday 19 March, once again putting on a performance of their show *ifs, Buts & Babies* at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury. If possible, let's attend and give them huge support!

Choir Contact Details. Email messages for Jill Neenan (choral matters), or for Lance Redler (membership and general administration), should be sent to wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk. Lance can be contacted by telephone on: (01296) 681286 or 07769 942951.

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