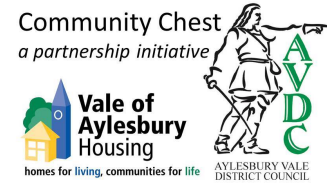


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Aylesbury Vale Community Chest – Award of Grant

We are delighted to report that *The Wing Singers* have received a grant of £826 from the Aylesbury Vale Community Chest; we are extremely grateful for this sum, which was agreed by the Chief Executives of Aylesbury Vale District Council and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust.



We had applied for £926 so that we could buy 100 choral folders bearing the choir logo and 110 identical scarves, to form a loan pool for use during concert performances. Despite receiving £100 less, we have made the full purchase, finding the balance initially from choir funds.

Musicathon – Sunday 31 January

Jill Neenan is co-ordinating the Musicathon in Wing Village Hall from 9:00am-9:00pm on 31 January, which members of the public are able to enjoy at any time during the 12 hours, during which more than 200 musicians (including *The Wing Singers*) will take part in non-stop music.

The aim of this Musicathon is to raise funds for Scannappeal, towards the purchase of a scanner for Stoke Mandeville Hospital, which will be of great benefit to our community. Entry to the Musicathon will be free and a raffle, tombola and refreshments will be available.

Sponsorship forms will be available at our next rehearsal should any members wish to take them for friends or work colleagues to consider donating through. Should anyone wish to donate on-line, Jill has set up a JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/JILL-NEENAN.

Our choir rehearsal from 5:00-6:00 will be part of this Musicathon and will take its normal form.

Choir Dress for Concerts

So that *The Wing Singers* present a co-ordinated look during concerts/public performances in the future, all choir members are expected to use the choir's choral folders, female members to wear the official scarves and males to wear the official bow ties. Folders, scarves and bow ties will be loaned to participants, on signature and only for use during the performance, a week or so beforehand.

Scarves from the stock that we bought with choir money will be available, at £2:00 each, to any ladies/girls wishing to have their own choir scarf rather than borrowing one for a specific event from the loan pool. Bow ties will be similarly available at a cost of £2:00 for any men/boys preferring to have their own.

The scarves will be available at future rehearsals if you wish to purchase one; bow ties will be available later.

Membership Fees

Should it have slipped your mind, please don't forget that this term's fee (£15 per adult) is due. We do keep the fee to an absolute minimum and, as a result, do need prompt payment so that we can continue to pay our way.

Claire Collier will be happy to take either cash or a cheque (payable to *The Wing Singers*) from you, or of course you can take an easier route and pay by bank transfer to:

Barclays Bank plc
Sort Code: 20-03-18
Account: 63185923
Name: The Wing Singers

Spring Term Music

Many members have now ordered the following seven-piece set, thereby completing the repertoire that we will be using during the coming year and beyond:

Wherever You Are	£1.90
Ain't No Mountain High Enough	£1.45
The Beatles in Revue	£2.50
Tribute to Queen	£1.65
Hallelujah Chorus (Handel's Messiah)	£1.70
You Raise Me Up	£1.65
Flying Free	£1.45
Total:	£12.30

Liz Rockliff plans to have all orders with her for the rehearsal on 31 January, so if have yet to do so, either phone her at (01494) 819966 (leave a brief message if out of hours) or email Liz at: stringsofpenn@hotmail.co.uk

Guests at Rehearsals

Please feel free to bring any visitors, family or friends to any rehearsal of the choir as an audience, using seating towards the bay window.

Repertoire

We will shortly be inviting all choir members to comment, anonymously, on the repertoire that we have so far. A simple checklist will be issued to members and the comments used by Jill Neenan to adjust the repertoire as necessary.

Publicity

The Wing Singers now appear on two choir websites: www.choirs.org.uk and www.bigbigsing.org, in the hope that these might help potential new members to find us.

Spring Concert – Saturday 19 March

We will be performing the Spring Concert – to be called ‘The Wing Singers’ Spring Concert 2016’ – from 5-7pm on Saturday 19 March in Cottesloe School Hall, Wing. Full details will be issued later and tickets will be available for sale at a cost of £5 per adult and £2 per child aged 16 or under.

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