

A Few Notes



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Spring Concert 2017 – Change of Date

The planned date of the 2017 Spring Concert is now Saturday 25 March; the venue has still to be decided.

Waitrose ‘Local Good Causes’

Each Waitrose store allocates £1,000 each month between three ‘local good causes’, that are selected by the store’s staff from nominations received from customers. Those who have shopped at Waitrose will know that customers are given plastic tokens at the checkout, which can then be dropped into one of three containers, each labelled with one of the month’s three ‘local good causes’. At the end of the month, the £1,000 is divided between the three according to their proportion of tokens received.

The Waitrose store in Leighton Buzzard will accept nominations for *The Wing Singers* as we are a local ‘good cause’. In the store, adjacent to the token containers are blank ‘Community Matters’ nomination forms that can be completed and handed in at the Welcome Desk by the entrance/exit, or passed to Lance Redler to hand in for you if that is more convenient.

We would be very grateful if members would nominate the choir, as any such funds would be used in the future to help pay towards something for the choir – maybe a musical daytrip...perhaps even a tour to somewhere in Europe!

Vale Lottery

The Wing Singers has been accepted as a ‘local good cause’, able to benefit from the Vale Lottery, that was created in 2015 by Aylesbury Vale District Council to support community projects in the local area.

The Lottery operates on the principle of raising money within the community for the community, enabling local good causes to raise money in a fun and effective way.

One ticket per week for the Vale Lottery costs £1, of which 50p will go to our choir if you have chosen to support us! More than one ticket can be bought each week and payments can be taken either by Direct Debit or by credit or debit card.

The Lottery website is: www.valelottery.co.uk and, to participate in it, you are invited to nominate which good cause should benefit from part of your payment; we hope that any members who do play will nominate our choir. Although we have only just been accepted as a community cause by the Lottery management, several people have already signed up to play in support of *The Wing Singers*.

As for any money received from Waitrose, income received from the Lottery would also be used for an exclusive choir event.

Wearing of Choir Scarves

We had a good response to the questionnaire and photograph taken at the Spring Concert, seeking opinion on the style of wearing choir scarves. At the Spring Concert the majority was wearing them loosely knotted, so taking this as a start point, the questions posed to ladies/girls – and their responses – were:

- Should all scarves be worn in the same style? YES: 30
NO: 3
- If so, should they be loosely knotted? YES: 30
NO: 3

'Loosely knotted' is clearly the preference of the majority and, as the idea of the scarves is to create a uniform impression, this will be the style for *The Wing Singers* at future performances.

Finally..Subscriptions!

Should it have slipped your mind, please don't forget that this term's fee (still kept at £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

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