

Newsletter No 2

Next Rehearsal. The next choir rehearsal is on Sunday 8 March, starting promptly at 5pm.

Music. Most members have now ordered their sets of music from Liz Rockliff, who will be at the Wing Sports & Social Club early on 8 March to deliver them and to collect payment. Anyone who cannot be there on that day should, if possible, ask someone else to collect and pay on their behalf, as Liz cannot be available again until 29 March.

Music Wallets. A simple plastic wallet will be given to everyone at the next rehearsal, for storage of your own music scores and lyrics. These wallets have been previously used, but are in sound condition and were given to the choir at no cost. If necessary, any creases and folds in the plastic can be reduced by warming the wallets on a radiator. A wallet has been prepared for each adult member of the choir and spare wallets are available as needed for children.

Pencils. Don't forget to bring a pencil to each rehearsal in future, so that you can mark comments and instructions on your own copies of the music.

Lyric Sheets. Members will be relieved to know that at the next rehearsal we will be issuing copies of lyrics for members as you arrive – these are for you to keep. These will probably include: *Bring me Sunshine*, *Food Glorious Food* and *You'll Never Walk Alone* – and there may be others from time to time.

Name Badges. Name badges will be laid out on a table in the hall for collection as members arrive for rehearsals, starting on 8 March. Please wear them during the evening and **return them** before you leave. This avoids them getting mislaid or lost and they will be available again at each rehearsal.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 29 March

Please don't despair when you read of an Annual General Meeting (AGM)...this is important for us and we all need to be there!

We are applying for grants to buy our own digital piano and microphone, library sets of music and folders for performances. To be eligible for these grants, we have to have an agreed Constitution and a Committee – hence the need for a meeting of choir members.

Separate papers will be sent out about the AGM shortly, which will immediately follow the rehearsal and should not take more than 30 minutes.

Wing Carnival. Wing's annual Carnival takes place on **Saturday** 18 July, not Sunday as incorrectly stated in the last Newsletter.

'Road to Freedom' Rehearsals. The 15-minute rehearsals for the volunteers who will be singing in Leighton Buzzard, later in the year, will take place immediately before our own Sunday rehearsals, thus starting at 4:45pm. The first of these will be at 4:45pm on Sunday 29 March.

Wing Sports & Social Club

Choir members will appreciate the generosity of Wing Sports & Social Club in allowing us to use their premises for our rehearsals. We hope that staying after rehearsals for refreshment and a chat will help us to get to know each other.

Some members have already joined the Club, whose fees are very reasonable, as a way of saying thank you:

- the annual cost for adults under 65 is £12.50, plus - for the first year only - £4.00 for a door key plus £1.00 for administration. It is then £12.50 per year.

- for over 65 year olds, the cost is £6.00, plus £4.00 plus £1.00 for the first year, and then £6.00 per year.

If it is a couple joining the Club, only one of them needs to become a member. Application forms are available from the bar staff and are also printed in each issue of *What's on in Wing*.

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 also be contacted by telephone on: (01296) 681286 or 07769 942951.

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