

A Few Notes



Newsletter No 20

Notes from Jill

I hope you have had a lovely summer break.

A big THANK YOU to you all for the gift vouchers that we received for The Stag in Mentmore – such a generous gift! Jim and I have booked a table and we are very much looking forward to our meal together.

I am so excited about the year ahead – a calendar which includes many opportunities for our wonderful choir to perform in a variety of different venues close to home.

Let's really enjoy singing together, developing as a choir and letting the power of music lift our spirits ☺.

Harmoniously yours...

Jilly

Membership Subscriptions

As we approach the start of the new term, the membership subscription (£15 per adult) is due. We do keep this 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

If you (or anyone you know) are unable to afford the termly subscription, help is available to anyone living in Wing Parish from *The Wing Charities*. Applications – which are kept in the strictest confidence – should be made to: Revd Helen Barnes, The Vicarage, 27b Aylesbury Road, Wing LU7 0PD.

Possible Concert Performance in Walsall, W. Midlands

At one of last term's rehearsals, Jill mentioned the possibility of our choir performing later in the year at a memorial concert for her late music teacher, in Walsall. To our regret we have recently heard that although the concert is going ahead, the programme is full and there is not space for our choir.

Choir Calendar – Some Changes

An updated choir calendar for the coming term is on a separate page at the end of this Newsletter. The following changes for 2016/17 have been made and all appear on the Calendar page of the choir website, which is always kept updated and includes dates up to July 2017:

1 October 2016 Wedding at All Saints Church, Wing - a smallish group of the choir will be performing at a wedding in the Parish Church, starting at 4:00pm and preceded by a rehearsal in the church at 6:30pm on Friday 30 September.

16 October 2016 Rehearsal – this will be at Carey Lodge, from 2:30pm-4:30pm and **not** at Wing Village Hall, which is not available to us that day.

Over-60s Christmas Lunch – at the request of the organiser, the date of this carol concert has changed to Thursday 15 December 2016.

March 2017 Rehearsals – a pre-Concert rehearsal will be held at All Saints Church from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Friday 24 March. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday 26 March.

Spring Concert 2017 – this will take place in All Saints' Church, Wing from 6:00pm-8:30pm on Saturday 25 March 2017. Choir members will have a final rehearsal earlier in the afternoon and full details will be issued nearer the time.

Choir Folder Management

Sheila and Mike Samuel have kindly agreed to take on the task of issuing, recovering and storing the special choir folders that are used for our concerts and other performances; we are very grateful to them.

Do You Like the Way that the Choir is Run?

Do *you* like the way that the choir is run? What irritates you? What pleases you?

Jill Neenan would welcome comments, ideas or suggestions about the choir from any members. Ideally these are made via our email address, but a separate note to her is equally acceptable (praise is also welcomed of course!).

Scannappeal – 'Comedy Nights'

The Musicathon event in the village hall last January was to raise money towards the supply of a new scanner for Stoke Mandeville Hospital; that appeal was run by the Scannappeal team that raises funds to buy state-of-the-art equipment for the Buckinghamshire hospitals.

The Scannappeal team has now organised a 'Comedy Nights' event for Friday 30 September and details are shown on this flyer.

Concert – The Galliard Wind Ensemble

The Leighton Buzzard Music Club is holding a concert on Saturday 17 September at Leighton Library Theatre, starting at 7:30pm; this one features The Galliard Wind Ensemble (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon and Horn) and, as with all the concerts arranged by the Club, it should be very entertaining. Tickets cost £13, with students £5 and accompanied children under 16 free of charge. Tickets are available from the theatre box office.

Our Fundraising Successes

A number of our members have already done online shopping and travel bookings through www.easyfundraising.co.uk, to raise money for the choir. At the last rehearsal in July, we reported that the sum raised so far was £5; at the time of publishing this newsletter, the amount raised for us has already reached £22.54. Our thanks to all who are already taking part, who have bought items, garden plants or made travel bookings from Lakeland, John Lewis, Amazon, raileasy, thetrainline, Expedia, Thompson & Morgan and many others.



The Vale Lottery has recently paid £20.50 to our account, this being half of the ticket price paid by members...thank you also to them. This brings our total received so far from the Vale Lottery to £30.50.

Next Rehearsal

To the relief of many, the first rehearsal of the new term will be on Sunday 11 September, with doors open from 4:30pm as usual.

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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. The choir website is: www.thewingsingers.org.uk.

6 September 2016

CHOIR REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE DATES AUTUMN 2016

(All rehearsals are from 5:00pm-6:00pm unless otherwise shown; performances are shown in *italics*.)

11 September

18 September

25 September

1 October (Wedding 4:00pm [small choir])

2 October

9 October

16 October (Carey Lodge 2:30pm-4:30pm)

6 November

13 November

20 November

27 November

4 December

11 December (Carol Concert)

15 December (over-60s Christmas Lunch Carol Concert)