

A Few Notes



Newsletter No 27

Hello everyone,

I am really looking forward to starting again for the Autumn term. We have lots of events planned that promise to be fun, exciting and no doubt very memorable!

A big thank you to all 14 members who sang informally at a wedding in the Parish Church in August. You made me very proud that day!

I am looking forward to Soirée after our first rehearsal on 10th September. Do try to stay on for this extra 45 minutes to enjoy the very varied programme involving seven of our members.

Harmoniously yours,
Jilly x

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. Claire will willingly help anyone who needs guidance in drafting an application.

Choir Calendar

The choir website www.thewingsingers.org.uk is always kept up to date, so if ever in doubt about when or where we are meeting, times etc., just take a look at the Calendar page.

Two new events have been added to our Calendar (as you have of course noticed!):

Saturday 18 November 2017: a singing Masterclass is being run by Jilly at Wendover Parish Church, from 1-4pm, that all choir members are encouraged to attend at no cost. Paying members of the public will be invited to take part in the Masterclass and will then join our choir in singing some of the pieces to be performed at a concert in the church that evening, from 7-9pm. The concert is in aid of Parkinsons UK, is being organised by Wendover Rotary and our programme will essentially be the same as this year's Spring Concert, but without the separate solo performances. If you have not yet told Lance if you will take part on one or both events that day, **please do so as soon as possible**.

Saturday 24 February 2018. Our choir will be singing with an orchestra at All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard, for an evening concert in aid of Citizens' Advice Leighton Buzzard. The theme of the evening is 'Show Tunes' and further details will be given later.

We can now confirm that our choir has entered the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts choral competition, being held during the evening of Friday 9 March 2018. We will be performing two songs and everyone will be welcome to take part; further details will be issued.

Choir Folders

Those who performed at Wing Fest on Saturday 15 July are asked to return their choir folders to Sheila or Mike Samuel when we meet again on 10 September.

Choir Dress

Word soon spreads, especially in a small community such as ours! Men in the choir have been sent a photograph of a potential 'formal' jacket for smarter performances. Rest assured that these are very early days in the Committee's discussion process and no decision has yet been taken as to whether formal clothing for men and women is even desirable, let alone who might pay for it.

Do You Like the Way that the Choir is Run?

Do *you* like the way that the choir is run? What pleases you? What doesn't?

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!).

Choir Contact Details. Email messages for Jill Neenan (choral matters), or 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.

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