

# A Few Notes



## Newsletter No 28

Hello everyone,

We have a busy period ahead of us before Christmas and, as you have probably seen from the Calendar on the choir website, we are even planning as far ahead as our Summer Concert in June next year. Meanwhile, before Christmas we have of course the big event in Wendover on 18 November and, for a small number, a wedding in December in addition to various carol events.

For the wedding on 8 December only 12-16 singers are needed, but when a request goes out for volunteers please put your name down if you would like to be included. Ideally I need four of each voice type, so will be making a choice of suitable voices from those who volunteer. This is one of the few occasions when selection has to be made, so please don't be offended if you're not chosen.

Some of you have been a little wide-eyed during the recent rehearsals when you've been asked to sing pieces without either lyrics or scores. I've really been just 'testing the water' and assessing the whole choir's singing without lyrics to see how everyone performs and what standard we are currently at. The adrenalin rush of being put on the spot – especially for those called out for a solo (only when I am pretty sure there will be a positive outcome) - is a good way to 'get on with it' without making people worry unnecessarily leading up to rehearsal. I will of course be telling you which pieces we are going to do without copies, so that you can learn them. I will also be giving some tips about learning.

Harmoniously yours,  
*Jilly x*

Choir Secretary. As Lance Redler is away for a considerable part of November, Kathryn Levett will be acting as Secretary for most of the pre-Christmas events, starting with Raise the Roof at Wendover on 18 November and ending perhaps as late as the Over-60s Lunch Club carol concert on 13 December. Please continue to send emails to [wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk) as normal, from where they will be answered as seamlessly as always.

### Choir Calendar

The choir website [www.thewingsingers.org.uk](http://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, where there are separate sections for 'Upcoming Performances' and for 'Rehearsal Dates'.

We now have nearly 50 names for the 18 November 'Raise the Roof' event in Wendover, both for the Masterclass and the evening concert. The Masterclass is for anyone of all ages and abilities – a terrific opportunity at only £10 - and all members of our choir who are attending (free of charge of course) will also benefit hugely from it. You have already been sent a copy of the flyer for publicizing the event and any requests for tickets should be sent to Lance Redler, with the relevant fee, who will obtain them from the organiser.

Our Calendar has recently been amended:

Sunday 19 November. The rehearsal on Sunday 19 November has been CANCELLED, as the choir is performing in Wendover the evening before.

Sunday 10 December 2017. Those who attended will recall that last year's Carol Concert was very crowded before the interval, with many people standing; the second half was less well attended and catering arrangements were unsatisfactory. The Committee took note of this and the number of comments that a 2-hour event was overlong. As a trial, two performances are to be held this year, on the same day – one from 4-5pm (with some emphasis on children) and again from 7-8pm. In order

to keep control of numbers this will be a fully ticketed event, with tickets for adults costing £3 and children aged 16 or under free of charge. Complimentary light refreshments are included in the ticket price and there will be both a raffle and tombola. Tickets will be available from Richard Carrick.

Saturday 24 February 2018 - CANCELLED. Our participation in the concert at All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard, in aid of Citizens' Advice Leighton Buzzard, has been cancelled for this year. We did not find it possible to arrange mutually suitable dates for joint rehearsals etc with the orchestra, but will endeavour to take part in 2019.

Saturday 30 June 2018. Instead of a Spring Concert, 2018 will see us having a Summer Concert, in Wing Parish Church on Saturday 30 June, with both a matinée and an evening performance, preceded by a rehearsal in the church the evening before.

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](mailto: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](http://www.thewingsingers.org.uk).

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