

## Newsletter No 5

Help Needed - Digital Piano, Microphone and Music Stand. Now that we have received the Community Fund grant money from the Parish Council, we will be ordering our digital piano and its accessories. We hope to find a volunteer willing to store these items and deliver them to Wing Village Hall for each rehearsal. Is any member able to take this on? If so, please contact Lance (see below).

### Our Very First Public Performance - 16 April 2015 at Wing Village Hall

'Wonderful'... 'Fantastic'... 'Brilliant'... are just some of the marvellous and encouraging comments received by our newly-formed Wing Community Choir on 16 April, following our very first, nervous public performance when we performed two of our favourite songs, *Bring Me Sunshine* and *The Rhythm of Life*.

For myself and quite a few of the 44 members who attended, this was the first time on stage for quite a few years; our youngest member last night was Poppy, aged just 7, who had pride of place at the front of the stage.

We all sang our hearts out, being conducted by our brilliant and enthusiastic Musical Director Jill Neenan, who calmed our nerves and gave us all a huge amount of encouragement.

We have only been singing together for a short time but we have all had such fun learning new songs and how to sing...I am sure we all look forward to our next public performance in May - and many more to come.

Louise Tabiner-Crush, Parish Councillor and Choir Member

### Subscriptions

If you are paying per term, Claire Collier will be very pleased to receive your cheque (£15 per adult per term), or you can pay by bank transfer to:

The Wing Singers  
Barclays Bank plc  
Sort Code: 20-03-18  
Account: 63185923

(You **MUST** remember to include your name as the reference so that we know who has made the payment.)

### Choir 'Uniform'/Dress Code

At our first Committee meeting on 6 April we discussed the thorny issue of dress code. We are grateful to members who have emailed suggestions and are very mindful that we are a community choir and, as such, hope to be as inclusive as possible.

The idea thus far from the Committee is not to have a formal 'uniform', but to attempt a unified look that says we are a group. One idea being explored is for everyone to be dressed in black (own clothes), with ladies wearing a special choir scarf and gentlemen a similarly coloured bow tie. We hope to have these funded by Grant money.

We hope that no-one will feel uncomfortable with the form of dress that is chosen for our choir and do not expect anyone to buy an item specifically for it.

### Wing Carnival – Saturday 18 July

At the recent Committee meeting, it was agreed that we would ask the carnival organiser for a 20-minute performance slot, within the first hour of the carnival. This is to give the opportunity for members who are also performing in Leighton Buzzard, that evening, to take part.

We are delighted to say that the Wing Carnival Committee has agreed to accept us and we will be performing for 20 minutes, starting at about 1:15pm. More details will follow later.

Lost Music?

A folder of music was left in the Village Hall after the rehearsal on 29 March. If it is likely to be yours, please contact Lance (see below).

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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](mailto:wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk). Lance can also be contacted by telephone on: (01296) 681286 or 07769 942951.

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