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## Newsletter No 6

### The Wendover Flower Festival Concert – 3 May

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who performed at the St. Mary's Church Flower Festival - such beautiful surroundings with spectacular floral displays and lots of delicious homemade cake! It was a wonderful opportunity and I felt extremely proud to conduct such a confident and happy choir; we definitely filled the church with our stunning sound! Please pass on my sincere thanks to all friends and family for their heartwarming support. I'm already looking forward to our next performance...Yay!

*Jill*

Well what an opener! With a really good turnout of 58 members of the Choir and some superb organisation by Jill and the Committee, we eventually squeezed the quart into the pint pot! In front of a really good-sized audience we delivered our first public performance with gusto and made a good job of it. I received some really positive comments from members of the public who, in the main, said that the show was well performed and thought we would go on to great things. So well done to all who faced the music, nervous though some of us felt, and a great thank you to all soloists and Jill's students. So onward and upwards folks!!

*Richard Carrick*

### Choir Librarians

Charlotte Williams and Caroline Davies have kindly agreed to be our choir's librarians. Part of our successful submission for funding from the Wing Parish Council was our need to purchase sets of our music repertoire for library use; these have now been bought.

This library music has two purposes. Primarily, it is intended for temporary loan to new members who are awaiting delivery of their own sets, ordered through Liz Rockliff, but personal circumstances may permit longer-term loans on a case-by-case basis.

### Rehearsal Dates

For your convenience, the rehearsal dates for the remainder of this term are repeated below. There is no change to our rehearsal dates from those published in Newsletter No 1, but the Wing Carnival has now been firmly added for 18 July. However, the Leighton Buzzard Project details have been updated; see separate details on the next page:

10.5.15:	Rehearsal 11
17.5.15:	Rehearsal 12
24.5.15:	NO rehearsal
31.5.15:	NO rehearsal
7.6.15:	Rehearsal 13
14.6.15:	Rehearsal 14
21.6.15:	Rehearsal 15 (Father's Day)
28.6.15:	Rehearsal 16
5.7.15:	Rehearsal 17
12.7.15:	Rehearsal 18
18.7.15:	* Wing Carnival. We will be performing for 20 minutes, starting at 1:15pm
19.7.15:	Rehearsal 19 (the last before the Summer break)
13.9.15:	Rehearsal 20 (the first after the Summer break)

*\* Regarding the concert/performance dates that are given, separate details will always be provided. Please understand that The Wing Singers' members are only invited to take part – there will never be any pressure.*

## Leighton Buzzard Project

The rehearsal and performance dates and timings at Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre have been updated; they are confirmed as:

Date	Details	
Sunday 17 May	2pm-4pm	(NOT 10am-4pm)
Sunday 14 June	11am-4pm	Please bring packed lunch
Monday 13 July	7.30pm – 9pm	
Wednesday 15 July	Dress Rehearsal	details and times etc T.B.C.
Thursday 16 July	Dress Rehearsal	details and times etc T.B.C.
Friday 17 July	Arrive 6.30pm	for Performance at 7.30pm
Saturday 18 July	Arrive 1.45pm (straight after Carnival performance)	for Performance at 2.30pm
Saturday 18 July	6.30pm	for Performance at 7.30pm

Jill Neenan will be at all rehearsals and performances to teach, conduct and give support. Tea and coffee will be provided at all rehearsals.

The Facebook page for the project is <https://www.facebook.com/chartiststheatreproject> - it would be great if you could 'like' it.

### What do you Think?

We would love to have some feedback about our choir and how it is run. We have done our best to arrange everything so that our singing is fun, whilst making sure that the choir is administered and funded properly and with all members kept properly informed. However there may be some aspects that you don't like, or have suggestions for improvement, no matter how small. Do let us know – we won't be offended by your comments and would welcome suggestions.

We would also welcome anything that you would like published in a Newsletter. Manuscript or typed, spelling mistakes and layout errors – all are welcomed as the Editor loves a challenge!

### About The Wing Singers

Attached is a brief description of The Wing Singers that has been written as an introduction to new or prospective members; you may be able to use it to help recruit friends or family!

### Lost Property?

A scarf, left in the upstairs room of St. Mary's Church, Wendover, is thought to belong to one of our members and has been handed in; if you think it might be yours, please contact Lance.

### Wingrave Community Choir – 16 May Concert

You may know that several of our choir members also belong to the Wingrave Community Choir, who are holding a Spring Concert in Wingrave Parish Church at 7:30pm on Saturday 16 May; this is an opportunity to see them perform and hear some of their repertoire. Tickets cost £7 and include a glass of wine or orange juice during the interval. Angie Varey has offered to obtain tickets for any choir members wishing to go, but she needs to know by Sunday evening (10 May). Angie can be contacted on (01296) 688200.

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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.



## About *The Wing Singers*

*The Wing Singers* is a community choir that first met in January 2015, a consequence of many requests for a choir to be formed in Wing. It has proved so popular that it regularly has rehearsal attendance in the high 60s and almost that number have performed with the choir in public performances. The choir meets for hour-long rehearsals on most Sunday evenings during term time, starting at 5pm, in the Wing Village Hall and rehearsal dates can be found on the choir's Facebook page (see *The Wing Singers*). Public performances take place from time to time.

Membership is open to all ages and all standards, from absolute beginners to confident and able singers, with no auditions required; the Musical Director is Jill Neenan, a professional singer and music teacher, who has considerable experience as a choir Musical Director.

The music repertoire is essentially a mixture of popular and less well-known songs, including those from Broadway hits and West End musicals - and even one of Adele's. Popular older songs are also included, together with a very small amount of more serious church music. To give a feel for the happy spirit of both *The Wing Singers* and the musical repertoire, '*Bring me Sunshine*' has effectively become the choir's signature song.

The termly subscription is £15 per adult (18+), paid in advance, with no charge for children. There is an option for members to pay per rehearsal, in which case we ask for a suggested minimum of £1.50, which is paid when checking in. Members are expected to buy their own set of the selected music scores, which are bought through a choir member and cost approximately £15 per set. A library of this music is available for newcomers to borrow until their own sets arrive.

Newsletters are issued by email on a frequent basis in order to keep all members informed.

The email address for any messages for the choir Committee is [wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk); the Secretary, Lance Redler, can also be reached by telephone at 07769 942951 or (01296) 681286 should there be any queries or requests for further information.

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