

A Few Notes



Newsletter No 30

Hello everyone,

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts in preparing for the Milton Keynes Music Festival. Congratulations on reaching such a high standard of singing and choral performance. I will be extremely proud to conduct our choir and I will love every moment!

Some quotes to spur you on, give you comfort....and make you smile!?

*There's no half-singing in the shower, you're either a rock star or an opera diva.
Josh Groban*

*The only thing better than singing is more singing.
Ella Fitzgerald*

*The terror of performing never goes away. Instead, you get very, very comfortable being terrified!
Eric Whitacre*

*Singing is a way of escaping. It's another world. I'm no longer on earth.
Edith Piaf*

*I don't know what happens to me on stage. Something else seems to take over.
Maria Callas*

*A song can be more than words and music ... when sung with soul a song carries you to another world, to a place where no matter how much pain you feel, you are never alone.
Clay Aiken*

*Practice like you've never won. Perform like you've never lost.
From Quotes Online*

Three words from me...expression, enthusiasm, energy. Let's do this!

Harmoniously yours,

Jilly x

Relief Musical Director

From time to time, Jill Neenan may be unavailable to take a choir rehearsal. Rather than cancel, if he is available Jilly has arranged with professional Composer/Musical Director Simon Lambros for him to deputise for her. It has already been arranged for Simon to take the rehearsals on 18 March, 13 May and 24 June(tbc).

Data Protection

All members will no doubt be delighted to know that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is replacing the Data Protection Act on 25 May 2018 - an EU requirement that will remain in force even after the UK leaves the EU. GDPR requires even small voluntary groups such as ours to have a formal Data Protection Policy in place, with a nominated Data Controller. Our Committee has created a Data Protection Policy document which is now on the choir website, with its own tab; Lance Redler is the nominated Data Controller.

To comply with GDPR all members will be invited to complete a fresh personal details form, giving specific permission for this information to be used for choir membership and administration purposes.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The choir AGM will be held immediately after the rehearsal on Sunday 22 April, with papers sent out to all members some weeks beforehand. We hope that as many members as possible will attend and give their views/ideas/suggestions – but these can always be sent to us at any time in the year.

Letters of Thanks

The following thanks have been received from three of the recipients of our donations from the Carol Concert takings:

Wing Day Care Friends: Thank you so much for the very kind donation made by The Wing Singers from the proceeds of your Carol Concert in December. This is very much appreciated. Please be assured that the money will be put to very good use in providing those extra treats which make our clients' day with is that little bit special.

Wing Youth Club: On behalf of Wing Youth Club, I would like to thank you for The Wing Singers' donation towards our running costs. Everybody involved with the youth club is grateful for your donation, which will help us to continue our work with the young people of the village. Many thanks for thinking of the club and the young citizens of Wing.

1st Wing Scouts: Ever so many thanks for the unexpected donation from the Choir, which is most gratefully received. The generosity of voluntary groups within the village to supporting our activities makes such a big difference to what we are able to make available to young people, irrespective of their background or needs. Please pass on our thanks to all involved.

Fundraising for the Choir

Do you remember that our choir is registered as a 'good cause' by EasyFundraising, from which our funds already stand to gain nearly £500 that can be used for the benefit of all members? You can help to increase this with very little effort - and at no cost to you.

As examples, members have raised this money for the choir through EasyFundraising when changing their energy supplier, booking hotels, flights or holidays, insuring their car or home and doing online shopping (Amazon, John Lewis, Expedia, uSwitch etc etc). The trader donates a small percentage of what you have paid.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewingsingers>
2. Sign up free of charge
3. Get shopping - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to *The Wing Singers*. It couldn't be easier!

After that it's very straightforward – you just have to remember to visit the online trader via the easyfundraising link each time you shop. Lance Redler is happy to help anyone to get started.

EasyFundraising has to date distributed well over £20 million to more than 90,000 good causes.

Choir Calendar

Choir rehearsal and performance dates for the period September 2018-July 2019 will be confirmed shortly. 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, remembering that there are separate sections for 'Upcoming Performances' and 'Rehearsal Dates'.

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. Please don't contact Jilly direct. 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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