



THE FOUR VILLAGES COMMUNITY CHOIR NEWS & CHAT

January to April 2019.

Hello everyone and a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope you all had a wonderful time over Christmas and are now settling back into "normal" life. Looking back, can I say a very sincere thankyou to you all for your input into the carol service at Ashby. Many people loved your singing and how lovely it was to see the chancel full so well done. And well done to our youngsters too for Once in royal. I cannot tell you how lovely it is to have a choir back in our group of villages and the life it is bringing back into the communities. So on behalf of all of us THANKYOU.

I am looking at recruiting more into the choir over the next few months so I am hoping we will be able to secure more voices. If you know of any who might like to dip their toe in the water, just have a word with moi and I will natter to them. Can we welcome Mike Tall & Georgia Barnes into the adult choir and we also welcome Freya, Rebecca, Lauren and Declan into the Youth Choir. Lovely to see you all and a very warm welcome to you all. Hope you enjoy it here in our villages.

Anyway, here we go with 2019 and I hope you enjoy singing at the various things coming up. All the practices will finish with refreshments so as we can build friendships with everyone. Choirs need to be like big happy families where everyone can work and laugh together!! Some of the practices will also be at Sywell so we can spread around a bit so check with the practice details below. Also we have our first wedding at Hardwick in March... again details are below.

Across our villages there are various social events which we are invited to join in. Events coming up are:

Saturday 2nd February: Fish & Chip Supper and quiz night at Hardwick 7pm (*can we get a choir quiz team up?*)

Tuesday 5th March: Pancake Party and Family Beetle Drive at Hardwick 7pm (*completely mad as always*)

Also I will be looking at organising social events too for choir members and families... so just let me have some ideas please. If you would like to look at going to any of the above events, have a word with me and I will point you in the right direction.

Practices: At the moment all on Monday's 7pm to 8pm.

January 14th. All Saints, Mears Ashby

January 28th. St Peter & Paul, Sywell. NB No practice on Monday February 11th.

February 25th. St Peter & Paul, Sywell

March 11th. St Leonard, Hardwick. (*in readiness for the wedding*)

March 25th. All Saints, Mears Ashby

April 8th. St Peter & Paul, Sywell.

The reason we are having them fortnightly is because we shall be learning the Crucifixion by John Stainer to sing at Earls Barton with other choirs from the area. These are brilliant occasions which I am sure we will all enjoy. I am conducting the event for me sins!!!! The Crucifixion is a wonderful work which is very accessible to all. Enjoy!!

Services and events coming up to sing at:

March 6th. Ash Wednesday. 7.30pm Service in All Saints, Mears Ashby

March 16th. Wedding at Hardwick Church. 11am. Please be there by 10.30am

March 31st. Mothering Sunday. All Age Service. 10am in All Saints, Mears Ashby

April 14th. Stainers Crucifixion at Earls Barton Church with Choir from the Wellingborough area (*see below*)

June 9th. Songs of Praise Service. 6pm at All Saints, Mears Ashby.

June 30th. Patronal Festival. 11am at Sywell Church. (*this date is to be confirmed*)

July 14th. Wellingborough area Evensong at St Mark's, Wellingborough.

Date to be fixed: A musical extravaganza at Beckworths Emporium.

As you can see, plenty of things for us to do. Please do not worry if you cannot make all of the events. It is just so lovely to have you as a choir in our villages.

Thankyou for reading this Newsletter. If there is any thing I can do to improve things or you know of anyone who would like to look at joining give me a tinkle on 01933 276433, Mobile:- 07867 554476 or E Mail: TonyE1960@aol.com.

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