

# Songbirds Bulletin - January 2021

Songbirds Committee would like to wish all Choir members a Happy New Year (well, it's traditional if not especially accurate at the moment!) and invites everyone to "re-zoom" singing on-line on Thursday January 14th, 6:45 until 8pm.

The format of the fortnightly singing sessions will be broadly the same - reminding ourselves of some of the songs we began rehearsing a year ago and singing along to some of our chosen favourites that Faye has added to her PowerPoint presentation along the way, but we will also be spending about 15-20 minutes at the end of each session learning and practising the parts to **"We Shall Overcome/Lean On Me"** - with a view to recording it so that Jane can turn our individual voices back into a choir! Each time we 'meet' a different section of the choir will be the focus of these 15-20 minutes (see suggested programme below).

ZOOM	January 14th	January 28th	February 11th	February 25th	March 11th	March 25th
6:45 (ish)	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others	Catch-up and Sing-along of songs we were practising before lockdown 1 and others
7:45 (ish)	<b>Soprano 1s</b> 'Rehearsal'	<b>Soprano 2s</b> 'Rehearsal'	<b>Altos</b> 'Rehearsal'	<b>Soprano 1s</b> 'Rehearsal'	<b>Soprano 2s</b> 'Rehearsal'	<b>Altos</b> 'Rehearsal'

## Recordings:

The Committee hopes that lots of choir members will get involved and then make a recording of their part of **"We Shall Overcome/Lean On Me"**, so that Jane will have lots of voices to blend together for the final 'performance'. Many of you contributed to Frankie's video clip (looking forward to seeing that at some point) so you have already had at least one experience of what's involved in recording yourself. The good news (well, the Committee thinks it is anyway) is that the technology that Jane is using is **audio only** so you don't have to video yourself and can sit or stand wherever you like, wear what you like and won't need to think about make-up!!

Jane worked with the committee before Christmas to put together an example of what's achievable using **"Play A Simple Melody"** which many of you will know. It's fair to say that most of us were a bit nervous at first but Jane was very encouraging and helpful and we were all pleased with the result! Attached to your email containing this bulletin is an MP3 file of our efforts - do have a listen!

Imagine what we could do with two or three times as many voices singing in harmony!

Choir members should already have an electronic copy of the words and the music (for their particular line) for **"We Shall Overcome/Lean On Me"** and we have now purchased paper copies of this song but, given the UK's recent return to full lockdown, we will not be circulating these for the time being.

If you have some spare time, you may want to look at the music before January 14th - in particular Soprano 1s.

We are looking forward to our first Songbirds get together of the New Year and hope you are too - see you next week!

The Committee