

# Songbirds Newsletter - April 2022

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Apologies for the abandoned rehearsal yesterday evening! It was particularly unfortunate because our concert date is fast approaching and rehearsal time is of the essence. Here are the dates for our remaining rehearsals (you will also find these on the website). The June 2nd date listed below is an extra Bank Holiday date but, having 'lost' a rehearsal already this term, the committee feels it's important not to miss out on any more, so please attend if you can:

April: 28

May: 5, 12, 19, 26

June: 2, 9, 16, 23, **29 (Wednesday)**

## Spring/Summer Concert

**Our Concert** is on **Thursday June 30th** with a final rehearsal booked for Wednesday June 29th.

Our last concert was in December 2019 so it's a full two and a half years since we have performed in public! However, we have kept on singing in the meantime and it will be lovely to have the opportunity once again for us all to sing together in one place to a live audience!

Posters and tickets for our event should be ready in mid May for members to invite friends and family. The tickets will be £5 each. Since Covid-19 is still very much around, the committee feels that having an interval during which we sell refreshments may pose an unnecessary risk to both audience and choir members. Instead we hope to sell refreshments (in the form of bottled water and juices and wrapped biscuits/cakes) at the entrance as people arrive for the concert.

The concert will start at 7.30pm and run straight through without an interval so should finish on, or before, 9.00. (A running order will be produced next month)

In order to allow our voices to rest a little at times during the concert there will be spoken introductions to the songs - we have done this before and it seems to have worked quite well. Please could any members who might be interested in being involved, let a committee member know?

We hope also to provide our audience with some information about the charity Songbirds has been supporting- with some publicity leaflets and perhaps a short input from a member of staff. As audience members leave we will make a collection for the charity.

Does February march? No, but April may!!!

## Fees

We have 10 rehearsals left before the Concert date and ask that members make two equal payments of **£20 on each of April 28th and June 2nd.**

Please pay by BACS: Songbirds Ladies Choir

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## Car Rally - Sunday May 22nd

After the success of last year's event, Alison Roberts will be running another treasure hunt for clues around some lovely, quiet rural bits of Harborough District on Sunday May 22nd. The rally takes quite a lot of time and energy planning a suitable route and setting cryptic clues so members (plus friends and family of course) are urged to register to take part in what is a really fun afternoon as well as a fundraiser for our charity. A team of two (or more) plus a vehicle are all that you need in order to get involved. The winning team is the one with the most correct answers - not the first to finish. Teams are set off at regular intervals and can take their time around the route. Last time we finished the course at a pleasant rural hostelry which was very welcoming (and welcome!).

Cost is per vehicle and is **£5**

Please try and support this event. Speak to Kay Mitchell or Alison Roberts to register by **May 9th**.

Why are waterbeds so bouncy?.....They're filled with spring water!

**Summer Garden Party** - the committee is hoping for some fine weather so that we can hold a Garden Party - after the concert and before we return to rehearsals on August 18th.

More details in the next Newsletter.

Should I plant flowers in April?.....May as well!!!

### Concert for Ukraine - an opportunity at short notice!!

There is a 'Leicester Concert for Ukraine' to be held at the De Montfort Hall in on Sunday May 8th at 4pm. Members of choirs around the Midlands are invited to become part of a two hundred strong choir to sing the following songs:

- A Mother's Prayer
- Psalm 23 (Howard Goodall version)
- Do You Hear The People Sing
- The Ukrainian National Anthem

The choir will also be singing with soloists. All money raised will go to support Ukrainians suffering hardships and the hall has been donated free of charge for the event.

If you are interested there are two remaining rehearsals - Tuesday 26th April and Tuesday May 3rd.

For more detail, and to register, you can get in touch with Lesia on 07873 254279. She is also contactable by email: [LC4U@musicalvillage.co.uk](mailto:LC4U@musicalvillage.co.uk).

The Musical Village website also has information.

What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower?.....A drizzly bear!!