

Songbirds Newsletter - August 2022

Return to Rehearsals

Dates:

Songbirds rehearsals will begin again on **Thursday August 18th** at 7.30pm! Time really does pass quickly and this hot dry summer seems to be hurtling past us all!! From what you have told us there will be around 20 members attending on the 18th - a few of us are still away but most choir members should be back into the swing of preparing some new songs and some we haven't sung for a while, by early September, in readiness for our Winter/Christmas Concert on **Friday December 9th**.

Songs:

- Somewhere Out There
- Sound of Silence
- Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend
- I Don't Know How to Love Him
- Hail Holy Queen
- Whistle Down the Wind
- Bunch of Thyme

In addition we will be buying:

- Chicago Highlights
- A Million Dreams
- Rhythm of Life

Xmas pieces

- Merry Xmas Everybody (with the verse in unison)
- Walking in the Air
- Carol of the Bells
- Colours of Christmas
- Do You Hear What I Hear?
- Angels Carol (or Star Carol which we would need to buy)
- Jingle Bell Rock
- The Holly and the Ivy
- Child of the World

Much of this music will be ready for you on August 18th. The new pieces may take a little longer to arrive and the Christmas music will be ready later in the term.

Please could members bring the music they have in their folders (with the exception of "*I Don't Know How to Love Him*") so that it can be collected at the first rehearsal. Please rub out any pencil markings on your copies - having a clean copy is really helpful for future use.

Payments:

We have 17 rehearsals to get ourselves Winter Concert ready and it would be really helpful if payments could be made in the following way:

- First block of 6: £24 to be paid by September 1st
- Second block of 6: £24 to be paid by October 15th
- Third block of 5: £20 to be paid by November 30th

Here are the bank transfer details:

Songbirds Ladies Choir

Sort Code: 30-95-47

Acc. No: 15686668

AGM - Thursday September 15th 2022 at 7pm

This is a reminder that our AGM is in mid-September. It will be held in our normal rehearsal venue at 7pm so that we miss as little as possible of our rehearsal time. Please do your best to attend.

A calling notice will be sent out towards the end of this month.

Waddesdon Hall Winter Visit - Wednesday November 30th 2022

Kay has been working hard on this trip for some time now, trying to confirm numbers and organise transport!! As you can see the date is now confirmed and a minibus is about to be booked, however, there are still three places on the minibus and so there is a final opportunity to join the 13 of us who are already planning to go.

The cost of entry to the Hall for the full day is £7.50 if you are a member of the National Trust and £31.80 if you are not a member (almost worth becoming a member and making some visits to NT properties through the year!!). These prices include a group reduction.

The cost of the minibus and driver varies depending upon the number of passengers - for 13 of us it is 32.50 per person but it will obviously reduce if other members wish to come along.

Please give it some thought - it should be a lovely day for all of us. **Contact Kay Mitchell (or Mandy) as soon as possible** as tickets will soon be available for the event and will need to be purchased quickly.

Waddesdon Christmas visit is a full day event - we would be leaving at around 9am on the Wednesday morning and returning for around 6pm. The ticket price includes entry to the grounds, a visit around the Hall itself, which will be decked for Christmas, access to a range of Christmas market stalls, cafes and shops and an early evening light show. Oops, mustn't forget there are apparently gin tasting opportunities too!!

Christmas Meal 2022

Whilst having no desire to wish away the remains of the summer and the autumn, winter events have to be planned in plenty of time. This year (the first time since the December before the Covid-19 outbreak) the committee is proposing a Songbirds Christmas Meal. Although we cannot yet confirm it, the proposed date for this is likely to be the Thursday after our Concert - December 15th and, having had good food in the past there, we hope to book The Oathill in Market Harborough. There will be more information in the coming month or two.