



JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year everyone!

A big thank you to all our members who took part in the various performances we delivered in the run up to the festive season:

- Singing at the Care Home
- Kevan's show
- Carols around the Christmas Tree
- Carol singing at Tesco

The committee is looking to arrange more performances in the local community this year including:

- A return to Grovebarnes Sheltered Housing in Park Avenue, Staines in early Spring
- The Walled Garden in Sunbury in June as part of Spelthorne's 'Music in the Park'
- Carols around the Christmas tree
- Carol singing at Tesco

If you have any other ideas or requests for choir performances then please let us know.

Challenges for 2018!

One aspect that we could do with some help on is how we stand, move etc. whilst performing. Whilst we do not want to become a 'song and dance' group, some performance coaching might be useful. The choir has an opportunity to invite a local Drama teacher in training to give us some tips to help with this so watch this space for some news.

The committee is also proposing that we go back to arranging the seats in the round so that we are looking at each other when we practice - this means we can all hear the sound of the choir and it's so much nicer than spending 2 hours looking at the back of everyone's heads!

The last challenge, and probably the biggest, is for each of us to ask ourselves "Am I singing in the right section? Am I really a Soprano/Alto/Tenor?". Gail already has a good idea where our voices belong and she will be offering us the opportunity to sing with the voices most closely tuned to ours! No one will be forced to move but we do need to reflect on the fact that we are a choir rather than a social club. Sitting next to your friends may be comforting but what about all the new friends you could make too! We will aim to combine this potential move around with singing in the round from January 18th.

Thursday dates and fees for the next period

The current period takes us to February 8th. We will then have a week off (February 15th), after which choir dates will be as follows:

February			15 th	22 nd	
March	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
April	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	
May	3 rd	10 th	17 th		

NO choir on this date

Membership fees for 22/2/18 to 17/5/18 will be £40.00. Please could we ask you to pay your fees promptly and by 8th February at the latest as we have to cover the weekly costs. You can pay by:

1. Internet banking to:
Sing Spelthorne Community Choir
Account No. 01559362 Sort Code: 40 08 42
Please quote YOUR NAME in the Reference Box
2. Cheque made payable to Sing Spelthorne Community Choir
3. Cash
For options 2 or 3 please make sure you put the cheque/cash in an envelope with your name on and hand it personally to our Treasurer Malcolm Harris (or another Committee Member if Malcolm is away)

Choir polo T-shirts

We are hoping to place another order of polo t-shirts with the choir logo - if you haven't got a t-shirt or need a replacement then please see Liz before the end of January, or send her a message via WhatsApp.

Choir Social

We are also arranging a social evening for choir members at Caffe Gondola in Staines one weekday evening in March (date to be confirmed). The restaurant will give us the whole of the ground floor and a 3 course set menu (3 or 4 choices per course) for around £25 per head. Look out for the list Alison will be circulating over the next couple of weeks if you would like to join us.

Choir Annual general Meeting (AGM)

We will be holding our AGM on 8th February. This will take place at 6.45pm before normal choir practice. At the AGM we will:

1. Receive an update from our Treasurer on choir funds and agree weekly fees etc for 2018/19.
2. Agree a local charity to support. The nominations so far are Air Ambulance or White Lodge Centre in Chertsey (supporting disabled people of all ages) or Adult Carer Support Charity (supporting carers in Spelthorne) or Spelthorne Foodbank
3. Elect Committee members. If anyone is interested in taking on a role in the organising of the choir then please see a current committee member. The roles to be elected are Chair, Treasurer, Secretary & Committee members.

Please try to get to choir early on February 8th to attend the AGM

Sing Spelthorne Choir Committee

Liz Down (Chair), Malcolm Harris (Treasurer), Anne Bulfin (Secretary), Sue Harris, Alison Denison, Larinda Lloyd, Sue Price & Jan Hedges.

