



PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

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NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Persnore Town Choir! We've put together some useful information for you below, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any member of the choir.

YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 2017

David Barclay	Musical Director
Caroline Hirons	Chairman and Fundraising Secretary
Tony Rowley	Vice-Chairman
Linda Hamlin	Secretary
Charles Hamlin	Treasurer
Anthony Tovey	Membership Secretary
Elaine Powell	Events Secretary

AIMS AS SET OUT IN THE CONSTITUTION

- Musical education and enjoyment
- To be available to perform at Civic occasions
- To be available for and to promote the town of Persnore
- To be available to sing at any event when approved by the committee
- To raise money for charity at the discretion of the committee

PRACTICES

We meet every Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 9pm in the Baptist Church, Broad Street, Persnore. On arrival we ask members to sign a register to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Anthony will be there to welcome you!

We do not hold auditions and welcome all levels of musical ability. Enthusiasm is the main requirement.

For those wishing to socialise after choir practices, we meet in The White Horse, Church Street, Persnore, where we always receive a warm welcome from Pio, the proprietor.

MUSIC

We sing a wide variety of music, selected by our Musical Director. David, a professional musician, is a lay tenor clerk at Worcester Cathedral, directs Kidderminster Male Choir and teaches music both in a school setting and privately. We are very lucky to have him!

Our accompanist is Lucas Ball.

Music is supplied to each member free of charge and, as such, remains the property of the choir. We ask that you treat it with care and store it in a black folder. Please do not use any permanent markers to annotate your copies. If you should leave the choir, all music must be returned to Linda Hamlin, Secretary.

CHARITIES

Each year, at our AGM, we choose a charity to support throughout the year with a series of events and a dedicated Autumn Concert. In the past we have supported Air Ambulance, the Worcester Breast Care Unit, Motor Neurone Disease Association, the Arthritis Association, Acorns Hospice and Pershore Volunteer Centre . In 2015 we did not support a specific charity as we needed to raise funds to purchase new risers for the Choir. Our Charity last year was the Riverside Youth Centre and we presented them with a cheque for £1000.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All new members are offered a free trial of three weeks. We divide the year into three terms, with a subscription of £30.00 per member due at the beginning of each term. Cheques should be made payable to Pershore Town Choir and handed to our Treasurer, Charles Hamlin. Cash payments should be placed in an envelope, clearly marked with your name.

LOTTERY (30 CLUB)

To supplement our subscriptions we hold a number of social events, which usually incorporate a raffle. A monthly lottery, in which participating members pay £5 per month, is open to all to join, with a monthly first prize of £40, a second prize of £20 and a third prize of £10. See Charles for details.

EVENTS

We sing at a variety of events ranging from weddings to funerals, charity concerts to the Pershore Plum Fayre. Some events are by request, others are suggested by the committee.

All members are urged to participate and Elaine, our Events Secretary, will invite members to sign up for each event. Some venues may accommodate only a reduced choir so places are filled on a first come, first served basis. Schedules of events are published at regular intervals.

Our uniform is black with either an ivory or red and gold scarf for ladies and black with either an ivory or red handkerchief and bow tie for gents. Uniform is determined to suit the occasion. Scarves are obtainable at a cost of £3, bow ties £2 and handkerchiefs 50p from Caroline.

SNOWLINE

All members are encouraged to give a contact phone no. and email address to Linda Hamlin, Secretary, so that they may be contacted via the "Snowline" should a practice need to be cancelled, and with events, schedules, concert dates, AGM information etc.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY SINGING WITH US!!