



PERSHORE TOWN CHOIR

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NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Persshore 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 – 2021

David Barclay	Musical Director
John Rees	Chairman
Charles Hamlin	Treasurer and Tenor Rep
Linda Hamlin	Secretary and Soprano Rep
Sally Dodwell	Membership Secretary
Charles Tucker	Publicity and Bass Rep
Wendy Sharp	Events Secretary
Sue Allard	Alto Rep

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 Persshore
- 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 Persshore Abbey.

On arrival at choir rehearsals, we ask members to sign a register to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Sally, or another choir member, will be there to welcome you!

We do not hold auditions and welcome all levels of musical ability, enthusiasm being the main requirement.

For those wishing to socialise after choir practices, we meet in Pio's (The White Horse) or The Angel, High Street, Persshore.

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.

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, store it in a black folder and use only pencil to annotate your copies. Please, no permanent markers! If you should leave the choir, all music must be returned, with all pencil markings removed, to Linda Hamlin, Secretary.

CHARITIES

Each year, at our AGM, we aim to choose a charity to support throughout the year with a series of events. In the past we have supported Air Ambulance, the Worcester Breast Care Unit, Motor Neurone Disease Association, the Arthritis Association, Acorns Hospice and Persshore Volunteer Centre. Our Charity in 2016 was the Riverside Youth Centre and we presented them with a cheque for £1000. Following our concert with the Amman Valley Male Choir in September, 2018, a donation of £500 was made to Persshore Twinning and in 2019, we supported

Pershore Abbey Organ Appeal

SUBSCRIPTIONS

All new members are offered a free trial of three weeks. We divide the year into three terms, with a subscription of £35.00 per member, due at the beginning of each term. Bank details, to enable you to pay online, are available from our Treasurer, Charles Hamlin or you may pay by cheque, made payable to Pershore Town Choir and handed to 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. To raise funds for the choir, a monthly lottery, in which participating members pay £5 per month, is open to all to join. There is 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 concerts and a variety of events ranging from weddings to funerals, as well as Pershore Carnival, Pershore Plum Festival, Wychavon Civic Service and the switching on of Pershore Christmas lights. Some events are by request, others are suggested by the committee.

Our aim is for at least three concerts per year.

All members are urged to participate and can sign up for each event, although 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, plum or red and gold scarf for women and black with either an ivory, plum or red handkerchief and bow tie for men. Uniform is determined to suit the occasion. Scarves are obtainable at a cost of £3, bow ties £2 and handkerchiefs 50p from Sally.

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.

Please fill in the attached GDPR forms if you are happy to give your consent to your email details and image being used as specified on the forms.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY SINGING WITH US!!

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