



# 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 – 2023/2024

David Barclay	Musical Director
Netty Baldwin	Events Secretary
Pat Haines	Membership Secretary
Linda Hamlin	Secretary and Soprano Rep
Jenny Harris	Publicity
Brian Pengelly	Treasurer
John Rees	Chairman
Charles Tucker	Publicity and Bass 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 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 Persnore Abbey (currently Holy Redeemer)

On arrival at choir rehearsals, we ask members to sign a register to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Netty, 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.

Please feel free to socialise after choir practices, if you so wish!

### 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

In the past we have supported Air Ambulance, the Worcester Breast Care Unit, Motor Neurone Disease Association, the Arthritis Association, Acorns Hospice and Persnore 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 Persnore Twinning and in 2019, we supported Persnore Abbey Organ

Appeal. Two recent events in aid of the people of the Ukraine raised over £500 and £1500 respectively

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

All new members are offered a free trial of three weeks, after which, we ask members to pay a £10 monthly subscription, preferably by standing order. Bank details, to enable you to pay online, are as follows;

Account Name – Pershore Town Choir

Account Number – 02439527

Sort Code - 30-93-11

If absolutely necessary, you may pay by cheque, payable to Pershore Town Choir and handed to Brian. Cash payments should be avoided but, again, if absolutely necessary, should be placed in an envelope, **clearly marked with your name.**

## THE HUNDRED CLUB

To supplement our subscriptions we hold a number of social events, which usually include a raffle. To raise funds for the choir, we hold a monthly lottery. All members are encouraged to participate and pay £5 per month, on top of their monthly subscription and again, by standing order. Currently, there is a monthly first prize of £40, a second prize of £20 and a third prize of £10.

See Brian for further 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 to 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, purple or red and gold scarf for women and black with either an ivory, purple or red handkerchief and bow tie for men. Uniform is determined to suit the occasion. Scarves are obtainable at a cost of £4, bow ties £4 and handkerchiefs £1 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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