



THE CHOIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place on **Monday 2nd September 2019** at **7pm** at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. The agenda and other AGM papers will be sent to paid-up Members during May.

All the Committee positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Concert Secretary, Librarian, Assistant Librarian & Wardrobe Mistress will become vacant at the AGM. Some of the existing post holders may decide to stand for re-election but it is open to other choir members to stand as well. We encourage any singer to offer to help as a Committee member.

After the AGM, we will continue to rehearse for the Autumn Concert on Saturday 9th November 2019.

CHOIR MEMBERSHIP

We have lost a few choir members over the last year or so and are keen to try and rebuild our numbers. If you have a friend or acquaintance who is interested in choral music, please encourage them to come along and give us a try. No auditions required, just the ability to hold a tune! Some experience of reading music would be helpful, but not essential. At the moment, we are particularly keen to try and recruit a few more tenors.



CONCERTS FOR 2019-2020

Our future programme of concerts is varied and interesting and includes some lovely music. Please see the following dates for your diaries:-

Spring Concert - Saturday 18 May 2019

This is a joint concert with the Salvation Army entitled Stage and Screen. It includes songs from Oliver and West Side Story and a number of opera choruses. We will be joined by the Salvation Army band for "Do you hear the people sing?" and for "The triumphal march" from Aida. The Salvation Army will be playing a selection of music in each half of the concert. PPG - Polly Henderson, Julie Slawson, David Toseland and members of the Salvation Army.

We will be rehearsing at Christchurch on the following Mondays leading up to the Spring Concert:- 1 April, 8 April, 29 April, 6 May (NB this is the May Day Bank Holiday) and 13 May. There will be **NO** rehearsals on 15 April and 22 April over the Easter break.



Joint rehearsals with the Salvation Army will be held on **Thursday 2 May and Thursday 9 May at 8pm** at The Salvation Army HQ, Ladysmith Road (off Saffron Lane), South Wigston LE18 4UZ.

After the Spring Concert on 18 May, we will be rehearsing at Christchurch on Mondays 20 May, 27 May (the Spring Bank Holiday), 3 June, 10 June, 17 June and 24 June. We will begin to practise the pieces for the Autumn Concert and also prepare for the Botanic Gardens.

Singing event at the Botanical Gardens - Sunday 9 June 2019

A group of 30 COLS singers have so far volunteered to sing at the Botanic Gardens.

Richard Archer will be the conductor and John Pye will be the accompanist.

If it is sunny and fine,  we will be singing outside; but if it is damp or wet  you will be pleased to know that there is a fallback plan and we will sing under a gazebo or move inside.

The programme will include: Oliver, West Side Story, The Mermaid, Down by the riverside, Come to the Fair, Bobby Shafto, A Sailor and Nancy, Come live with me, The Shower and As torrents.

Refreshments such as tea, soft drinks and home made cakes may be available at Knoll House (to be confirmed).

Autumn Concert - Saturday 9 November 2019

Dvorak's Mass in D, Elgar Music Makers

PPG - Committee

Workshop - 05/10/2019

Christmas Concert - Saturday 21 December 2019

Theme - Sing Christmas!

PPG - Nigel Adam, Cathy Charlton, Polly Henderson and Marilyn Pile

Workshop - 23/11/2019

Spring Concert - Saturday 16 May 2020

Theme - An evening of Mozart

PPG - Clive Hilton and Julie Slawson

Workshop - date to be arranged.

Return of your music

It is essential that **ALL** your music (including photocopies and downloads) is returned in your named yellow folder by the **Monday** after the concert. We have reintroduced the system whereby **music is numbered** and a note is made next to each singer's name as it is given out. This is to save confusion should music copies get mixed up and we can trace copies back to their rightful owner.

Attending rehearsals and singing in the concert.

We expect Singers to attend each rehearsal to learn the music and the interpretation. It is important to attend rehearsals regularly. If you miss too many rehearsals, you may feel you should not sing in the concert. We encourage most strongly the commitment and expectation that all members sing in concerts, although we accept that problems arise.

Contacts. If you need to contact Julie Slawson, Secretary, please email her at secretary.cityofleicestersingers@virginmedia.com. If you wish to leave apologies for absence please email before 6 p.m. on Monday evening.

Our website address is www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk. Please visit as we put pre-concert information on the site and your visit will help keep us up in the ratings.

Forthcoming Concert dates

2019; 18/05/2019, 09/06/2019, 09/11/2019, 21/12/2019

2020; 16/05/2020, 07/11/2020, 19/12/2020.

2021; 08/15/2021, 13/11/2021, 18/12/2021

2022; 07/05/2022