



Brewood Singers - Welcome Sheet

Information for new Choir Members

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are interested in joining Brewood Singers.

To help you get to know us and to find out how we operate, we have put together this welcome sheet and hope you will find it useful.

Here you will find:

- Choir information
- Rehearsal details
- Committee
- Membership Subscription/Dress code
- General information

Choir information

We currently have a Facebook page Brewood Singers and a Twitter feed @BrewoodSingers. You will be given a copy of the constitution and this is worth reading as it gives the aims, objectives etc for the Singers.

Rehearsals

COVID 19 - We are planning to resume full rehearsals on Thursday 2nd September 2021, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with a short break. These rehearsals will be at our new venue in the Peakman Theatre at St Dominics School, Brewood and will be with our new accompanist, Dom Treharne. We are having to make special arrangements for rehearsals so if you are interested in joining the Brewood Singers at this time, please contact the secretary for details.

Committee

The constitution sets out the make-up of the committee and the function of the committee is to ensure that the choir runs smoothly and that we uphold the constitution of the Singers.

The committee includes a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to four other elected representatives from the membership and the Musical Director. Each year there is an AGM – held in September or October where members may raise and discuss issues and a new committee is elected. Anyone may stand for election for any position.

The committee meets regularly and the meetings happen at committee members' houses on a rota basis by arrangement.

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions are currently £4.00 per week that we meet. These can be transferred to our bank account or paid at meetings. An annual payment can be made – please see the Treasurer for details, Weekly subscriptions are payable whether you attend all rehearsals or not as this is part of your membership fee. Please see the Treasurer if there is to be a prolonged absence or suspension of membership for personal reasons. If you do not keep up to date with your subscriptions you cannot perform at concerts. The money raised by the subscriptions helps to pay for the rehearsal room, sheet music, music and performance equipment, accompanist fees and Musical Director expenses.

Dress Code

At present the standard dress for most concerts is Men: black suits with long sleeved white collared shirt and a bow tie. This is usually black but you will be notified and supplied with a tie if a different colour is required.

Ladies: Long black skirts or smart black trousers and any black top with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves. Where there is a variation to this you will be notified. For example; the Christmas concert in Church will usually be long skirts with no trousers.

All members provide their own standard clothes as above but the Singers provide scarves for ladies and ties – other than black bow ties – for the men when required. Any accessories supplied by the Singers remain the property of Brewood Singers.

General information

Attendance

We understand that no one can be at every rehearsal so if you cannot attend please let David Brookes, our MD know. However we do expect 75% attendance.

Music

All music that is provided by Brewood Singers remains the property of Brewood Singers. Sets of music are either purchased in hard copy or purchase via Digital Download. When you are a member, you will be given a rehearsal/ performance folder which you will sign for. The member must pay for any music which is lost or not returned. Lists of music to be handed in will be sent to you.

Anyone may suggest a piece for consideration for us to learn and perform. If you have a copy please bring it and give it to either the Musical Director or a member of the committee. If you don't have a copy of the music but think a certain piece would be good to do then please see or email the Secretary.

Folders

One branded performance folder will be provided and you may purchase further folders if you wish. Please see the Treasurer, Chair or Secretary.

Membership

You will be asked to fill in a membership form and you will be given a copy of the constitution to keep and read.

Concerts

We organise two of our own concerts each year: these are our Summer and Christmas concerts and are held in Brewood either at the Jubilee Hall or St Mary and St Chad Parish Church. If you have any suggestions for concerts or you know of an organisation who may want one please speak with the Musical Director or any of the committee.

Social events

We do try and hold social events where partners are welcome during the year. We have an annual post-Christmas meal in January each year and there are other ad hoc events that are arranged from time to time,

And finally...

Welcome! We are a friendly choir and we hope that you enjoy each rehearsal and concert.

