



# WELCOME TO THE FAIRBURN SINGERS

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Fairburn Singers.....

Welcome to your first meeting with us. We are here to make you feel welcome and hope you will enjoy your evening. Our fabulous Musical Director is **Andris Ugulis** and our expert accompanist is **Mandy Jones**.

You are invited to attend 3 sessions with us and on the last evening you will have an informal audition with the Musical Director. The Chair will be in attendance along with the pianist. Once you have passed, you will become a member of the choir.

The Choir meets every Monday, even in school half terms, and occasionally on a Bank Holiday if there are enough people who are willing to attend. In the summer, choir ends after the final Fairburn Summer Concert and restarts on the first Monday in September.

### What we expect from our members:

- Turning up, on time, for rehearsals
- Attending concerts (as many as possible)
- Learning the words and music

The ability to read music is not mandatory, but is a distinct advantage.

### The subscription

Averages just over £2 per week, £120 for the year, running January through to December and this can be paid by standing order, cash or cheque to Diane or Colin. This money, along with payments from concerts helps to pay for the running costs of the choir which are many and varied. We donate to 2 charities at the end of the year.

## Music Librarian (Sue Woodhall)

Each member is allocated a number and Sue numbers all the music then hands it out to members who are in turn responsible for safe return. Any music not returned must be paid for.

## Uniform .....

Ladies - black—either smart trousers or dress/skirt and top with black tights and footwear. A coloured corsage is provided by the choir.

Gentlemen - uniforms vary slightly, depending on the venue and type of concert, however it is mainly a black suit with white or black shirts with bow tie provided by the choir. Guidance will be given prior to the concert.

## Our Committee:

Chairperson	-	Janet Burns
Vice chair	-	Maxene Wells
Secretary	-	Sally Whittingham
Treasurer	-	Colin White
Vice-Treasurer	-	Diane Wilson
Music Library	-	Sue Woodhall
Concert secretary	-	Terry Rowley

The AGM is held in January and any person interested in a role on the Committee can be considered by giving notice to the Chair in advance and voted for at the AGM.

## Tea rota .....

We have a break midway through the rehearsal for refreshments (tea/coffee with cakes/biscuits). The rota is provided over a year and emailed to members. There are generally 3 or 4 people on the rota each week/month and responsibility for providing cakes/biscuits falls to those people who should liaise weekly to arrange who will bring milk etc.

### Weekly raffle .....

This is a voluntary raffle and costs £1 per ticket. It is drawn on the evening during the break, and the prize is usually a bottle of wine. Profits go into the choir funds.

### Communication .....

Generally, all communication with choir members is via email and a Choir Contact list is constantly updated with member contact details etc. This is held by the Secretary (Sally) and is used by both Sally and Terry for getting information out about concerts etc. We also use an internet based system called "doodle" whereby members are asked to tick if they can attend various functions/concerts.

### Concerts and other events .....

Concerts happen, on average, 6-8 times a year. Generally there are at least 2 formal concerts in the summer and 3 in December, with a few others as and when required. We also sing at weddings, funerals and various other functions. Terry is the person who mainly organises these after liaising with the Musical Director, accompanist and the rest of the committee. The Musical Director decides the programme. There is also an Annual Choir function in the Spring and a Summer get-together, both informal events for members and their partners.

### Buddy up .....

If you do not already know anyone in the choir, don't worry, just let us know and we will find you a choir buddy who will be there to guide you through the rehearsals.

We do hope you will enjoy your time with us as we pride ourselves on being a friendly, sociable and brilliant choir!

Just ask our audiences..... !!