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Information for Members: 2016-2017

Welcome to Wellington Choral Society

We are a friendly, non-auditioned choir of around eighty to ninety members, incorporating a wide range of age and abilities.

We focus on largely church-based choral singing with a repertoire ranging from the baroque and classical to the present day.

Our singing season commences in early September and ends in late March/early April. We aim to produce two main concerts in November and March, with professional soloists and orchestral accompaniment.



Rehearsals and concerts

We typically have ten rehearsals per concert and these take place in Wellington Methodist Church from 7.30 to 9.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

Our main concerts and final rehearsals take place in St John the Baptist Church in Wellington.

Concert dress code

Gentlemen - evening dress (black DJ and bow tie).

Ladies - full-length black skirt or trousers and a black top; WCS provide a scarf. Black hosiery. Minimum bling and jewellery please.

What we expect from you

- Pay subscriptions promptly (gift aid, if possible).
- Aim to sell, at least, the two tickets you will be given for each concert.
- Attend rehearsals regularly and advise the Secretary if you are unable to do so.
- Check the Members' page of the WCS website each week for homework. Practise your part at home and listen to recordings of the music we are singing. See the Members' pages on the WCS website for links to help with practice.
- Wear your name badge.
- Advise the Secretary (by email) asap if unable to continue for the current term or it intending to leave the Society.

Funding is principally derived from members' annual subscriptions and concert ticket sales.

Subscriptions are due in September and are currently set at £70. This includes the two main concerts, rehearsals and score hire. Additional workshops etc. may be subject to a small charge. No subscription is payable for under-19s in full-time education.



“Easyfundraising” and “easysearch” are an easy and convenient way for members and their families to raise funds for WCS. If you shop online (or use a search engine) then there is every chance that you could raise money for WCS without it costing you a penny. Please visit the WCS website for further information and a referral link which will, in itself, generate extra income. Fundraising from the comfort of your home - what could be easier!

Members’ input and meetings

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints please bring them to the attention of any committee member or your Voice Rep. The Committee meet at least once a term.

Annual General Meeting

Held at the end of each season at which all members are welcome. This is when we hear the Music Director’s report of the previous season, announce any new plans and elect the committee for the coming year.

Members’ details and our contact with you

Please ensure that Sue Ryan, Secretary, has your correct contact details as this will ensure that you receive all relevant information. Completing the weekly sign-in form will ensure your name appears in the concert programme.

Your name, address, email and telephone number are held on computer for use by the Society only, and are not supplied to any other person or organisation except HMRC when reclaiming Gift Aid.

As far as possible we will contact you using email. Items relating specifically to WCS will be marked as “Please Read”; all others as “For Interest”.

The WCS website is: www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk



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