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Information for new Members 2017-2018

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 which ranges from the baroque and classical to the present day, and with professional soloists and orchestral accompaniment.

Our singing season commences in early September and ends in late March/early April. In 2018, though, a short summer term of five weeks is planned, starting on 23 May, with an afternoon concert on 23 June, following the two main concerts in November and March.



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 dress, or 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 under **Members > Rehearsal Notes** on the WCS website each week for homework. Practise your part at home and listen to recordings of the music we are singing. Under **Members > Practice Aids** there are links to help with practice.
- Wear your name badge.
- Advise the Secretary (by email) asap if you are unable to continue for the current term or if you are intending to leave the Society.

Funding

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

Subscriptions

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

WCS Constitution, WCS Safeguarding Policy & WCS Privacy Policy

All these important documents are available on the WCS website.



Fundraising

- **100 Club:** An application form can be downloaded from the Members page of the website. For further information, contact Sue Ryan, Secretary.
- **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".

WCS website: www.wellingtonchoralsociety.org.uk



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