

Spring Term 'A' 2018 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!!! Welcome to 2018! It has been wonderful to welcome new members to our weekly sessions this year – thank you for encouraging friends, family and co-workers along- it doesn't go unnoticed so please continue; and also a massive "thank you" to everyone who took part in the various concerts and informal performances in the run up to Christmas. It is a busy time for everyone but our audiences enjoy our efforts so much and I really, really appreciate that you give your time so freely to take part.

New Year means new term – with the first sessions beginning on week beginning January 8th starting at Bourne – I'm so looking forward to seeing you all again! I can confirm that the sessions will remain as they are at an hour and a half. Maxey and Show Choir will continue to be 2 hour sessions priced at £6.00 per session. New members are welcome at either of these sessions at any time so come on along and get involved!

Fun, energetic songs are on their way this term as well as starting to incorporate some World War One songs that we can use later in the year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI. As always I welcome your feedback and suggestions. Speaking of which, may I remind you that the member questionnaire is open until 7th January and as well as picking the Christmas 14 (or so) songs for 2018, gives you the chance to feedback to me what you enjoy about the choir or what improvements you would like to see. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6M8XNY3>

Spring Term A Fees

New term means time to renew your fees again - these can be paid using any of the following options:-

Pay As You Go £20 for four sessions wherever you prefer to attend with no time limit.

Termly Membership £30 per term six sessions at any location.

Premier Membership £40 per term; attend as many sessions as you wish at any location.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque payable to "A Handful of Harmonies" to the bursar at weekly Sessions or BACS to sort code 09-01-28 A/C No 02424607.

Please quote your surname and first three letters of your location as a reference when using BACS e.g. SPA (Spalding) DEE (Deepings) BOU (Bourne).

Don't forget we are now contactless too if you want to pay by debit or credit card at your sessions. There is a small additional charge to cover card processing fees.

Maxey Open Choir

This will continue at the usual venue, Maxey Village Hall at 7-30pm from Thursday 18th January. I am happy to take requests for future sessions and as we are considering producing another CD – this time of Christmas songs; we may use some of these to practice that material – more information to follow soon.

Alternatively we can use them for back catalogue work too, and I have a list of suggested medleys which I am also considering.

Learning Resources

As well as the audio materials available on the members' area of the website, don't forget if you need copies of music in large print this is available online via the members' area, or I can print copies on request. If you are taking part in a performance and would like a CD of your part I am happy to provide these on request to help your practice. CDs are provided by the Friends of A Handful of Harmonies, so there is no charge to you. Just before Christmas the Friends of AHOH also purchased a CD copier which means I can run off large quantities in double quick time!

Show Choir

The next Show Choir is on 21st January Northborough Village Hall.

There are still spaces available for new members who want to join - please email me or have a chat if you are interested. Anyone is welcome to come along for a trial session which costs £6.

Individual sessions cost £6 or £60 for the full year membership; a saving of £12.

The full show choir schedule for 2018 can be accessed from the members' page using the link below:

https://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/members/?drawer2=s2member-files*Show%20Choir

With performance opportunities coming up all the time there is always plenty to keep us busy.

Performances

Please keep checking the website and your emails for new performance opportunities which are added as they arise: <https://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/concerts/> there are currently no concerts open for booking which is not unusual just after Christmas, but the requests will soon start coming in.

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies

The Friends of A Handful of Harmonies tab on the website gives information about fundraising events; money raised and spent to date and notes of meetings. If you want to find out more about the work of this committee and how it benefits the choir please use this link:

<https://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/friends-of-the-harmonies/>

Also take a look at the "Friends of" boards on display at each session. The next major fundraising event will be Burns' Night 27th January 2018; 7-00 pm at the Red Hall in Bourne. Tickets are already on sale for this, and those of us that came to the previous celebration two years ago remember it well!!

Andrew xxx

The next newsletter will be published just ahead of Spring Term 'B'. Any mid – term updates will be circulated by email and on the Facebook Handful Members Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1649139135359554>