

Newsletter

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With several events coming up it seemed timely moment for a newsletter. To save printing costs this can be downloaded from the website at www.threeriverscommunitychoir.org.uk



Focus on: Membership and music!

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to our choir and we are very pleased to have several new recruits join over the last term.

As a community choir our aim is not to make a profit but to cover our costs and to keep membership fees at an accessible level. We need a steady 60 members to cover our professional and rehearsal fees as well as other expenses.

Our membership is currently a very healthy 76, which is splendid. However, there is room for more and word of mouth is probably the most effective recruitment strategy so please feel free to invite your friends along, reminding them that **everyone is welcome**, there are **no auditions** and their first session is **FREE**.

Music is also a significant expense and we are grateful to

our sponsors, particularly Greenham Common Trust and Thatcham Town Council, who have made it possible for us to purchase such a wide variety of music.

If anyone interested in joining the choir should ask "**what type of music do you sing?**" you can direct them to the website for an overview based on our past performances.

Dates for your diary

6 April 2017 – end of term social at Donnington Valley Hotel after regular rehearsal session

27 April 2017 – Summer term starts

18 May 2017 – Coffee morning at St Nicolas Church, Newbury

1 June 2017 – Half term (no rehearsal)

17 June 2017 – Concert at St Mary's Church, Shaw

13 July 2017 – end of term

End of term social

Ann will close rehearsals slightly earlier on 6 April so that anyone who wants to can meet at Donnington Valley Hotel for a drink and a chat. A nice opportunity to socialise outside our singing part groupings.

Fees for the summer term

It will be an 11 week term so fees are £33 (£22 students) payable in advance. Bank details for those paying online are available from our website at www.threeriverscommunitychoir.org.uk.

Concert at St Mary's Church, Shaw on Saturday 17 June 2017

Further details on the programme will be available soon but for now key information includes:

- **Concert timings** – the concert will start at 7.30pm. Rehearsals will be from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the church on the afternoon of 17th.
- **Tickets** – priced at £5 will be available in advance at choir rehearsals and at the door on the night
- **Dress code** – black with **purple** accents (our signature colour)

Greenham: War and peace project

8 & 9 September 2017

Billed as 'an outdoor event for all ages' the production company organising the event are looking for volunteers and participants in a range of roles including:

- Technical and production volunteers
- Performing and singing volunteers (including lead roles)
- Street arts and banner walk volunteers

The commitment required from anyone wishing to take part and the need to audition means that participation will need to be an individual thing – it is not something the choir will be able to commit to en bloc.

Full details of how you can get involved are available at <http://bit.ly/2nfiGeB> or from the Greenham Common Trust website at <http://www.greenham-common-trust.co.uk/>

Can you help?

- **Fund raising coffee morning for Three Rivers Community Choir – 18 May 2017**

Ruth Tibbetts is organising a fundraising coffee morning in aid of Three Rivers Community Choir at St Nicolas Church Hall from **10am – 12 noon**.

About 12 helpers will be needed on the day and will need to be available to help set up from 9am.

Ruth will also organise a list for cake makers etc nearer the time but would appreciate donations of bric-a-brac and raffle prizes. Choir members are asked to bring these along to choir on Thursday evenings to allow for sorting in advance.

No electrical goods or clothes please

Ruth can be contacted by email at: ruth47m@gmail.com; by phone on: 01635 30576; or at choir.

- **Display boards/stands**

Do you have any display boards we could use or that need a new home?

There are times when it would be good to have a small display to promote our choir at concerts and other events.

We are putting together a display for an event at Thatcham Town Council on **24 April 2017** but could also do something similar at the coffee morning at St Nicolas Church Hall and our concert at St Mary's Church in June.

Please contact Clare Killen if you can help by email at cjkillen@btinternet.com, by phone on 07767 614775 or at choir.