

Welcome

We are delighted that you have decided to join our choir!

Here are a few things you will need to know, so that your Three Rivers experience is as enjoyable as possible:



Music and Folders

- We hand out the music pieces that we are going to learn, generally at the start of the term or after a concert, when we start to learn a new repertoire.
- You will be given a **music folder** with our current music which is yours to use throughout your choir membership. If you decide to no longer continue with the choir (and we hope you don't!), please return your folder to us with any music you have, as the folders and music are a considerable expense for the choir, and we need to reuse both the folders and the music.
- You are encouraged to make notes on your music, as directed by Sue, our Music Director, but we would ask that you **only use pencil** and you write lightly on your copy, so that it can be rubbed out. We are sometimes asked to loan music to other groups, so any notes would need to be removed. Please **DO NOT USE PEN** on your music!
- We sing a **broad range of music** - choral pieces, traditional folk and pieces from other countries, pieces from musicals, carols (in season) and also some more modern, popular music such as A Million Dreams from The Greatest Showman. We welcome suggestions from the choir for pieces that you'd like to sing, so please let us know if there are pieces you would enjoy. We generally sing short pieces, not long choral works.

Fees

- Now that you have joined, there is a weekly fee of £4 per session, which is payable termly in advance by cheque, cash or BACS). Our bank details for those paying by BACS are:
 - Three Rivers Community Choir
 - NatWest bank
 - Account 62367080
 - Sort code 60-15-07Please include your full name as a reference so we know who has paid.
- We would ask that you pay your termly fee just before the start of term or within the first week of the term please, as this helps us with our cashflow. We are a 'not for profit' organisation, so all funds are needed to keep the choir operational.

Rehearsals & Performances

- We meet every **Thursday** during term time from **7.30pm to 9.20pm** at **Winchcombe School**, Maple Crescent, Newbury, RG14 1LN in the main hall. There is plenty of parking and good access into the school hall.
- We perform in 1-2 **concerts** throughout the year, and these are well attended and enjoyable events. However, we know that some people don't like to perform, so attendance at the concerts is optional. We always have a sign-up sheet a few weeks beforehand just to get an indication of numbers. Dress code at the concerts is usually black clothing with an accent colour that varies according to the occasion and season.
- In addition to these larger concert events, we also perform in the community from time to time or at other events and again, these are optional for those who wish to take part.

We hope you enjoy singing with Three Rivers Community Choir

A quick who's who

- **Caroline Snowdon** and **Angie Creed** founded the choir in 2014. Angie is no longer living in the area, so sadly had to give up singing with us. Caroline is our Chair and is supported by **Robert Meyer** as Vice-chair.
- **Sue Garcia** is our choir music director and accompanist.
- Other people you are likely to meet include **Brenda Softley** who takes the register and is also our Secretary and **Brin Snowdon**, who is our Treasurer and looks after the website. **Lucy Rumens** is responsible for our Social Media and Publicity and **Clare Killen** also supports on Publicity and producing a regular newsletter for the choir. **Karen Barraclough, Ben and Corne Tavares** also provide valuable committee support.

Keeping in touch

- We have a **website** (<http://www.threeriverscommunitychoir.org.uk/>) for publicity, information and from where you can access any download tracks that are created to help us practice or our termly newsletter.
- We also have a closed, members-only **Facebook** group which we use to make announcements and keep in touch. To join - search on Facebook for **Three Rivers Community Choir Members** and ask to join. We will then activate your joining request.
- There is an active Instagram account too - @threeriverscommunitychoir, so please follow us and like/comment on posts, as this may encourage new members to join.
- If you are not a Facebook user and prefer to get any notifications by **email**, please see **Brin Snowdon** (threeriverscommunitychoir@gmail.com) or any of the committee members at choir and we will add you to the list.
- We have a digitally downloadable **newsletter** roughly once a term.

Helping us raise funds!

- **Help us raise funds for free!** You can donate to Three Rivers Community Choir (TRCC) for free by using Easy Fundraising. Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register TRCC as your preferred 'cause' and then simply go to the Easy Fundraising site before doing any online shopping. TRCC will get a % of each purchase and it won't cost you a penny.