

Newsletter

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Focus on: Community

There is a strong community focus to this Autumn newsletter which is very fitting.

We are nearly 3 years old! How time has flown, it really doesn't seem that long since Angie and Caroline formed our community choir.

With approximately 78 members we have a healthy membership - but there is always room for new members. If you know of anyone

who is likely to be interested please do encourage them to join us and let them know that their first session is completely free.

Our repertoire has expanded significantly over the last few years, to include musical numbers, traditional folk and cultural songs, classic choral pieces and a few more modern pieces as also sung by the likes of Adele and Fleet Foxes.

As our repertoire has expanded so too has our store of music, kindly managed by Angie.

We have been very fortunate to have received grants from Greenham Trust, Thatcham Town Council and Gerald Palmer Eling Trust to pay for music - this really helps us keep weekly fees down to just £3 in line with our community focus and ethos.

AGM

We will hold a short and informal AGM after rehearsal on **Thursday 14 September 2017**. Rehearsal will end a little earlier than normal to ensure business is concluded by 9.30pm.

Greenham Common: 100 years of war and peace – 8/9 Sept 2017

Some of our members are participating in this free outdoor event which celebrates the 20th anniversary of the return of Greenham Common to local people and the formation of Greenham Trust. The programme includes walks, talks and exhibitions and there is a free shuttle bus service from Newbury.

Full details are available at <http://www.greenhamtrust.com/greenham-100-years-of-war-and-peace>

Waitrose 'Community Matters' token scheme

We are one of three featured charities to benefit from this month's Waitrose Community Matters green token scheme at the Newbury branch. Please do support us if you can and alert friends and family to our participation. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 between 3 local good causes and so the more green tokens that drop into our slot the better!

Christmas concert

West Berkshire Heritage has once again invited us to perform festive songs and readings at Shaw House this year on **21 December**. It will be a similar format to last year with two short performances: one for the general public and the second for friends and family.

Come and Sing day at St Mary's Church, Shaw

St Mary's Church, Shaw are holding a Come and Sing – Sounds of O'Sullivan day on **7 October 2017** directed by our very own Ann Wright.

Full details on their website at <http://www.shawchurch.org.uk/175th-anniversary/come-and-sing-day-7th-october.php>

Dates for your diaries:

7 September 2017 – new term starts

14 September 2017 – AGM following rehearsal

26 October 2017 – half term (no rehearsal)

21 December 2017 – end of term with Christmas concert at Shaw House