

WIMBORNE CHORAL SOCIETY

(Reg. Charity No.1072276)

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NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION & RULES OF THE SOCIETY

Welcome to Wimborne Choral Society. We hope you will enjoy singing with us. The information below is intended to help you at rehearsals and concerts and to identify members you may wish to approach for assistance or with ideas. In the first instance, get to know your Voice Rep. who will be pleased to help you.

Membership. Membership of the Society is open, without audition, to anyone with an enthusiasm for choral music, subject to a maximum of 115 persons and the need to maintain a balance between the four voices

Subscriptions: The annual subscription is set at the AGM and is payable in full by the end of the first term

Rehearsals: Rehearsals are from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, on Thursday evenings in the Methodist Church in Wimborne. A rehearsal schedule is provided in September/October for the year. Please arrive in time to receive any information and at the first rehearsal for a new concert it is important to arrive in time to receive or buy scores. Please Note in order to sing in a particular concert it is required that a member attends a minimum of two thirds of the rehearsals for that concert. Exceptions will only be made in extreme circumstances.

Attendance at the final rehearsal (Tutti) is obligatory and no exception can be made for this.

Seating Plan: It is essential that all singers should have as clear a view as possible of the conductor and that voice parts should be balanced to provide the best sound. Wherever possible, singers should be arranged by height. Please help by sitting where advised. There are no reserved places. The Musical Director is the final arbiter on seating

Concerts: Please arrive at the concert at least 15 minutes before the start time to facilitate moving on stage in an orderly manner as instructed. Once you are on stage, there should be no talking or moving around. Bottles of water should not be taken on stage. During the performance, please keep good discipline by standing and sitting quietly and in unison at the appointed places or at the conductor's signal.

Concert Dress:

Ladies: Full length black skirt or smart black trousers, black top (long or three quarter sleeves), black shoes, modest jewellery.

Gentlemen: Black dinner suit, white shirt and black bow tie, black shoes.

Everyone wears a red buttonhole, provided by the Society. Members should purchase a concert folder from the Society which can be sold back in the event of them leaving the choir. In this event it would also be appreciated if the buttonhole is returned.

Please ensure that all scores are returned at the end of each concert.

At all times please help to publicise and sell tickets for each concert and wherever possible, give your support to any extra events which may be organised throughout the year.