

FRIENDS OF WITHAM CHORAL



Spring 2018

Dear Friends

Spring is on the way and we are reviewing our Friends membership list. This is a little reminder to anyone who hasn't paid their annual subscription yet, but would like to be part of the Friends of Witham Choral.

The Friends contribution is £15 per year and this can be paid by cheque (make out to *Witham Choral Society*) and sent to **Jean Ostler** our Treasurer (address below), or you can pay directly to our bank account with Barclays (Witham) by BACS. The sort code is 20-45-45 and the account No. 13575675 (please state your name as a reference if you choose to pay in this way). Any contribution you make is very much appreciated. If you are a taxpayer you may be interested in completing a **gift aid form** (enclosed) which increases your giving to the choir at no further cost to yourself. If so, please send in your completed form to Jean.

With new data protection rules coming into play this spring please do let us know if you are no longer happy for us to contact you or to hold your details on file regarding concerts and news from the choir. Because of the new rules we will ask you to sign the form at the foot of this page and return it complete with your subscription to give your consent. If we do not receive a reply from you we will be obliged to assume that you no longer wish to hear from us.

Dates for your diary

Spring concert: March 10th 2018, Witham United Reformed Church

We also hope to hold a **Quiz night** this term – if this goes ahead we will let you know and hope that you would like to join us. Bring a team or join in with one of ours. Everyone welcome.

Summer Term June 9th 2018 Witham URC

We plan to hold a **Come and Sing**, so dust off your vocal chords and come along – no need to join us full time to do this!

End of term social (*details to follow*)

As you may remember we are busy rehearsing for our Easter concert

including 'Wondrous Cross' a lovely piece by Alan Bullard (a local Colchester composer and a very good work to sing) and the second part of Messiah.

The concert will be at Witham United Reformed Church; if you would like to come please let us know as soon as you can so that we can make sure we can reserve a seat for you. You can either send an email to me, Christine Hall, hallhousetwo@hotmail.com or telephone our Chairman Anne Priest, 01376 513713. We have six weeks of rehearsals left!

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## **News**

**Well, last year was our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year**, you may have seen the article and letter in the Braintree and Witham Times about this? If not have a look at the website [www.withamchoral.org.uk](http://www.withamchoral.org.uk) or our Facebook page /WithamCS and do please pass on some of your memories to us. Enclosed is a copy of our anniversary leaflet and a complimentary pen for you to use.

Other news, we shortened our name to **Witham Choral**, agreed at the 2016 AGM. The 2017 AGM was very well attended and Anne Priest our Chair did a wonderful job reminding us all of what had been achieved in the last year. Exciting news for Anne and her husband Jerry as they are moving to be nearer to their family in Scotland. The choir of course will be very sorry to lose Anne and all wish them well for the future. We shall be looking for a new Chairman very soon and with the loss of our Patron, David Henfrey who sadly died last year, the committee are busy considering the nominations made for this. More about this soon!

## **So, what can you expect from us as a Friend of the Choir?**

- Tickets for concerts available directly from me - just let me know (Christine Hall – *email* [hallhousetwo@hotmail.com](mailto:hallhousetwo@hotmail.com) or phone Anne Priest, 01376 513713)
- Free concert programmes
- Up to 4 seats can be reserved for you in your choice of position, if possible.
- An invitation to social events e.g. quiz night and our end of term social in the summer.
- Newsletters like this one with details of our concerts throughout the year. It is always lovely to see you at these, or at our social events, and have a chance to catch up with old friends.
- Information about the concert trips organised by Clare Lager, details are on the website and the current list is enclosed.
- The knowledge that you are supporting the choir

**Do please let us know how you would prefer to hear from us** whether it is by letter or email; if it is email please send any new addresses to me as soon as you can (you may have been missing out).

Thank you for supporting us.

With kind regards,  
Christine Hall

***On behalf of the Committee of Witham Choral  
Chair: Anne Priest***

**Please send your cheque, made out to 'Witham Choral Society' to**

Mrs Jean Ostler,  
Treasurer, Witham Choral  
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Please complete the following and return it with your subscription

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***Friends of Witham Choral***

I am happy to be a friend of Witham Choral and receive occasional mailings from the choir about forthcoming concerts, social events and concert trips to London organised by Clare Lager

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email address:**

**Please indicate if you do not wish us to contact you by email .....**

***Your information will never passed on to a third party by us or used for anything other than this purpose. Witham Choral Society Committee.***

**Comments:**

*Enc: Anniversary leaflet, Gift Aid Form, Clare's 2017/18 Concert trips, & concert flyer*