

Welcome to Bearsted Choral Society

Some useful information

Rehearsals:

These are held on a Monday evening during term time (half terms are usually free) from 7.30 – 9.30 with refreshment break taken around 8.30. These are at the Methodist Church, Ware St, Bearsted.

Subscriptions:

The subscription fee is £45 for the year or £17 per term. Joint membership for couples is £80 per year. The first term's subscription is reduced by half for new members. Cash or cheques made out to the Bearsted Choral Society to rehearsal are fine – please hand this to the membership secretary or treasurer.

Music:

Music is supplied by the librarian and a small rental cost is charged. Please make sure that you return all hired music to the librarian at the end of each term to avoid unnecessary fines for late returns. Members will be required to pay the full cost for any scores lost.

Monday before the concert:

The rehearsal on the Monday evening before each concert is usually held at the concert venue (usually Holy Cross Church, Bearsted) at the normal time.

Concert day:

A vocal dress rehearsal is held on the afternoon of the concert at the Holy Cross Church, Bearsted. It normally starts at about 2pm but this will be confirmed at the Monday night rehearsal before the concert.

You will be asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before the concert starts in the evening.

The concerts start at 7.30pm and normally last for 2 – 2 ½ hours. Please leave plenty of time for parking.

At concerts we all use a black folder to hold our music (an A4 ring binder is fine, with the binder removed - black elastic is excellent at holding all the music in place).

The different vocal parts take it in turns to provide a packet of biscuits each for the interval refreshments.

Concert Dress:

Arrangements are in transition currently, and should be finalised before the next concert, so please do not incur any costs without checking with the committee first. Concert dress is long black a long black skirt or trousers with a long-sleeved white top for the ladies. Ladies may wear a white cardigan. Gentlemen are asked to wear a dinner suit, white shirt, and black bow tie. Specifics of a coloured detail to offset the formality are still to be agreed, but men will wear a waistcoat in one of three standard colours (burgundy, blue or gold). The latter will be obtainable at a cost of £15. A coloured decorative item will be worn by the ladies, ether scarf or corsage or brooch. You will be asked to make a one off payment for this.

Please keep the membership secretary informed of any change of address and /or contact telephone number at membership@bearstedchoral.org.uk . Committee members are contactable by email, using their title e.g. chairman@bearstedchoral.org.uk

On behalf of our conductor Peter Ashley, chairman Graham Mason and the rest of the committee, I hope that you enjoy singing with us.

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