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6th January 2017

I hope you all had a splendid Christmas and on behalf of the Choir Committee may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Healthy 2017

What a year it has been, we were delighted to work with the Hospital Volunteers to help them buy two tandem scooters. I am delighted to announce the amount of money raised by the choir and also monies donated in Charles memory was enough to do so. Before too long we should see them helping patients at the hospital, look out for the Choir 1 and Choir 2 number plates....

Our Cathedral concert was again very well supported and I noticed as I left the performance, members of the audience were still impressed with the big screens. I must say that this year it was far more noticeable, that members of the choir were reading from their music and not looking up at David, without the screen we probably wouldn't have noticed this but, of course, it was there for all to see. I realise that a due to various reasons, a large number of choir members had not attended the required 10 practices and I do wonder if that hadn't helped, but also the habit of looking down at the music seems to have been formed. I am sure I don't need to tell you that David is the key to the success of the performance, it is very important that you look at him!

This year I will be sending out the choir joining form with the summer newsletter, please could you ensure that you are able to attend 10 out of the 13 practices before you sign up, we do now have a waiting list so if you think you will be unable then please let someone who can, take your place this year.

We received great feedback following our performance at our Broadway Concert and have decided to perform there again this year, we are looking into a different accompaniment for this year.

On behalf of the Derby Hospitals Foundation Trust, I would also like to thank you for the support you gave to the hospitals' Christmas events and from the comments I have received from both the Royal and the London Road Hospitals, it was very much appreciated. Although we were a little low on numbers at London Road, it seems they were absolutely delighted with our contribution to their festivities once again.

I am sure you will agree we have a great team, the committee work tirelessly on your behalf and that ensures the smooth running of the concerts. David and Kevin bring interest and enthusiasm to everything we do and judging by the wonderful comments I have received this year, the gamble to do something a little different has paid off!

As you know this coming year we will be 35 years old. We are keen to mark this occasion, we have had a couple of suggestions and I would appreciate your opinions as soon as possible please.

1). A special dinner in the summer. A provisional reservation had been made at The Derby Conference Centre and a splendid three course meal, with drinks on arrival and coffee or tea will cost £29.95. This event will, of course, be open to husbands/wives/partners/family and friends we are allowed a maximum of 200 guests on tables of 10. If this option is the most popular, we would not hold the Strawberry tea and we would invite the recipients to speak at the dinner.

2) An extra special Strawberry tea, held at Broadway. We would employ caterers to provide a buffet and invite the recipients to speak as normal. The cost would be approximately £15.00 per person

3) We carry on as we have in other years with the Strawberry tea, however it has already been decided that savouries will be provided as well as the sweet treats, the cost would be £5 per person.

Your interest can be registered by either email ([derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com](mailto:derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com)), text or phone call (07983 127589). I would appreciate your opinions by 14th February please to allow us to organise whichever event is the most popular.

Our AGM will be held on Friday 24th March 2017 at 5.30pm, at the Broadway Baptist Church. I do hope many of you will be able to attend this very important evening for the Choir. We are still actively seeking new Committee members, both singing and non-singing, if we are to ensure the future of our choir it is imperative we attract new Committee members and I would therefore urge you to give consideration to joining us in what is a very enjoyable and rewarding role. An agenda for the AGM together with a nomination form are enclosed herewith. Following the AGM at 7pm we will be hosting a sit down 2 course supper, at which time we shall present our cheques to this years recipients. The cost of this years supper will be £13.50 per head and a menu is attached at the bottom. The food is all home cooked and delicious so I do hope you will all be able to join us for what I know will be a very happy occasion. A reply slip is attached and I would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to me with your cheque, made payable to Derby Hospitals Choir by 28th February, my address is at the top of this newsletter. As previous years, and in order to accommodate everyone can I ask you to order a maximum of 2 places per member.

As you know, we are again privileged to have been asked to take part in the National Nurses Day and Florence Nightingale's Birthday Celebration Service this year it will be held at Christ Church, Holloway, Derbyshire on Saturday 13th May 2017. If you are able to participate, I would be grateful if you would confirm your attendance by filling in and returning the attached reply slip to [dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk). There will be three rehearsals prior to the service and these will take place on 26th April, 3rd and 10th May – details of the actual day's events will be made available to those taking part a little nearer the time

The date of this year's concerts are Friday, 8th December 2017 at the Cathedral and Wednesday 13th December at Broadway Church, so please pencil this in your diaries now, together with the date of the first rehearsal which is Wednesday 13th September 2017.

**To save postage please email:**

**AGM supper reply slips *only* to me by 28th February at [derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com](mailto:derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com)**

**Florence Nightingale reply slips to Di Alleyne by 28th March**

Could I also ask that if you should you change your email address, please let Di know, so she can keep her data base up to date.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all again for your continued hard work and dedication to the Choir. The Committee and I are very excited about embarking on this year's programme of events and we look forward to welcoming you to one or all of the above occasions. Of course, all this information will be posted on our website: [www.derbyhospitalschoir.co.uk](http://www.derbyhospitalschoir.co.uk) or on the Derby Hospitals Choir pages on facebook.

With very best wishes.

Louise

**AGM supper reply slip return to Louise by 28th February**

AGM Supper – 24th MARCH 2017 at 7pm  
BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

I would like to reserve the following number of places for the AGM Supper,  
£13.50 per head (maximum of 2 per choir member) [     ]

NAME: .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  
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RSVP to:

Louise Hill,  
168 Brookside Road,  
Breadsall Village,  
Derbyshire. DE21 5LH  
Email: [derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com](mailto:derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com)

Supper menu

Poached Salmon  
Boiled Ham  
Assorted Salads  
Hot New Potatoes  
Roll and butter

Choice of 4 homemade deserts  
Tea and coffee



[Florence Nightingale reply slip return to Di by 28th March](#)

DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR  
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE  
DERBY CATHEDRAL, – SATURDAY 13th MAY 2016  
(Time 11am - to be confirmed)

1) I would like to participate in the Florence Nightingale service YES / NO

2) I can attend rehearsals on 26th April, 3rd and 10th May at  
Broadway Baptist Church at 7.30pm [ ]

3) My voice is: (a) 1st Soprano, (b) 2nd Soprano, (c) Alto, (d) Tenor, (e) Bass

Name: .....  
(in block letters)

Telephone number: .....

RSVP:-

Mrs D. Alleyne.  
6 Slade Close,  
Etwall  
Derby DE65 6JH  
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR  
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 24th MARCH 2017 at 5.30pm  
AT BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

# AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting  
(Copies will be available at the meeting. If you wish to see them before, please contact the Secretary or the Chairman)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report  
(Copies will be available at the meeting. If you wish to see a copy before, please contact the Secretary or the Chairman)
6. Election of Chairman and Committee Members
7. Comments from 2016 Concert
8. Charity for 2017 Concert
9. Any Other Business

Under the terms of the existing Constitution (Clause 6), three members of the existing Committee retire annually.

There will be 2 members retiring by rotation this year:

You are entitled to nominate any other choir member to the Committee on the following conditions:-

The member concerned —

- a. must be willing to act and be appointed for a 3 year term
- b. be willing to play an active part in the Committee working, and regularly attend Committee meetings throughout the year
- c. must have the name of a proposer and seconder
- d. must be present at the AGM for the application to be considered

Any nominations must be lodged with the Secretary by the proposer not later than one week before the AGM, i.e. 17th March 2017. In the event of more nominations than vacancies being received, a ballot will take place to determine the successful nominee. If any member wishes to raise an item under "Any Other Business", they should notify the Secretary in writing not later than one week before the AGM, i.e. 17th March 201. Jonathan Mum 7 or otherwise, speak to the Chairman before the meeting