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28th May 2017

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you to all the members of the choir who attended the Florence Nightingale service, it really was a superb occasion and I have had so many lovely compliments regarding our contribution. I understand you were very snugly fitted into the beautiful Christ Church!.

I am pleased to tell you that this year's Christmas Concert will be held on **Friday 8th December 2017 at 7.30 pm** in Derby Cathedral and the proceeds will be shared between the Maxillofacial Unit and the Dementia Unit, both based at The Royal Derby Hospital. As in previous years I am delighted that we will again be joined by Derwent Brass, our Compere is yet to be confirmed and our concert will again be broadcast on the large screens.

David and the committee are working hard to ensure that again this year, we have a varied and interesting programme. Something for everyone I hope! As usual rehearsals will be held at 7.30pm at the **Broadway Baptist Church, Broadway, Derby on Wednesdays**, as follows:-

September 13th, 20th, 27th,
October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,
November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
December 6th

There will also be a rehearsal in the Cathedral on the afternoon of 8th December; details will be given near the date.

This year, we have decided that it is of the utmost importance that we encourage singers from the Hospitals, and we have been approached by several people who wish to sing with the choir and are committed to raising money too. With this in mind I must stress how important it is to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Whilst I understand it is not possible to predict illness and that many of you do take a holiday in the early part of September I would ask that you only commit if you think you will be able to attend a minimum of 9 rehearsals.

We are quite unique as a Choir, in that we only exist to raise funds for the hospital, therefore we need people who enjoy singing with us, but also enjoy raising money too. Selling prize draw tickets generates half our income and when I look at the last three years ticket selling at the Royal Derby Hospital the same loyal members' names appear each year. This year we have selling days at The Royal Derby, London Road and also in the Maxillofacial outpatients, therefore we need considerably more ticket sellers please. Do consider if you could help by giving us half a day of your time.

If you feel you can attend the required amount of rehearsals and help with our fundraising I would be grateful if you would kindly complete and return the attached registration form **no later than Friday 11th August 2017**. This year, it won't be possible to register on the first night of rehearsals so it is very important you return your form. You can still email it to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk if that is more convenient for you. Would you please note that the enclosed form is for your **personal use only**. Of course, if you know of anyone else who is interested in joining the choir please ask them to contact our Secretary, Di Alleyne direct, she will be happy to give them more information and take their details.

Ticket prices for this year's concert will remain at £15, one price for all seats. There will be separate tickets issued for the balcony seats. Tickets can again be purchased at rehearsals, Foulds Music shop and for the first time this year, through the Priorbooking website www.priorbooking.com, where purchases can be made by debit or credit card and an e ticket will be issued. The screens will be in place again and we were delighted that they have been so well received in previous years, they definitely enhanced the audience's enjoyment of our concert.

The Committee and I have made no change to the one off annual payment of £10 per choir member. The amount raised from this contribution enables us to be able to continue to rehearse in a super venue and it pays for the music we use.

I am delighted that we will be performing again at the Broadway Baptist Church and further details of this event will be given in September during rehearsals.

35th birthday party

The overwhelming choice to celebrate all we have achieved in the last 35 years was to hold a birthday party. This will take place on Friday 7th July at 7pm at the Broadway Baptist Church Hall. The cost will be £12.50 per person. I attach a participation form for you to complete and return to me by **Monday 26th June 2017**. If you would like to join us for a very enjoyable evening, please return your form along with your cheque made payable to Derby Hospitals Choir, by the above date. There will be a buffet, music, birthday cake and lots of good company and it would be lovely to welcome people who have not been before! Events like this are a great opportunity to get to know your fellow choir members in a relaxed informal setting. Please remember you are more than welcome to bring a guest, you do not have to attend on your own, in fact, the more the merrier.....

Our website, www.derbyhospitalschoir.co.uk it is updated regularly with all our news, we also have a Facebook page for those of you who use social media, www.facebook.com/derbyhospitalschoir

I look forward to seeing you on the 7th July to celebrate our 35th birthday or alternatively on 13th September to start rehearsals for our 35th Christmas Concert!

With very best wishes
Yours sincerely
Louise
Chairman

35th BIRTHDAY PARTY – 7th July 2017 – 7pm BROADWAY CHURCH

I would like to reserve the following number of places at £12.50 per person [_____]

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

RSVP:
Louise Hill,
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Please remember to return your form by *Monday 26th June 2017*

DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT - FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2017

Would you please complete this slip and return it to Di Alleyne by **Friday 11th August 2017.**

1) Do you wish to be a member of the choir this year YES / NO

Please note that weekly rehearsals commence on Wednesday 13th September 2017

2) Are you able to sight-read music YES / NO

3) Do you sing:

First choice:

(a) 1st Soprano, (b) 2nd Soprano, (c) Contralto, (d) Tenor, (e) Bass.

Second choice:

(a) 1st Soprano, (b) 2nd Soprano, (c) Contralto, (d) Tenor, (e) Bass.

If you are not sure of what voice you are, please still come and talk to the Musical Director (or email: david@henshaws.me).

4) Do you wish to be contacted next year if a Christmas Concert is held in 2018 YES / NO

5) Date and Year of Joining the Choir _____

NAME: _____
(IN BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

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