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I hope you all had a splendid Christmas and on behalf of the Derby & Burton Hospitals Choir committee may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Healthy 2020

This year has brought several changes; a new format for the concert, just one Christmas concert and the gradual retirement of the Chairman!

Our 2019 Cathedral concert was so well received, we have had so many wonderful comments about the performances and the musical styles and there really was something for everyone. We sold more prize draw tickets than ever before and the cathedral was almost at full capacity. David has produced a CD of this year's concert and if you would like a copy please could contact him at david@henshaws.me. The cost will be £3 (including £2 royalties which will be donated back to the choir at the request of Alistair Parnell).

I am sure you will agree with me that we have a great team; the committee work tirelessly on your behalf and that ensures the smooth running of the concert. 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 again!

This year our AGM will be held on Friday 3rd April 2020 at 5.30pm, at Little Eaton Village Hall. I do hope many of you will be able to attend this very important evening for the Choir. At this year's AGM we will have 3 committee members who will be retiring but we are fortunate to have 3 members willing to take their place, so at least for this year we will not be worrying about the lack of Committee members!

I would like to personally thank them all. Sue and Lynda did a superb job with our publicity last year, I know Lynda walked miles with the posters and poor Sue spent a day going up and down in every lift at the Royal Derby Hospital, making sure there was a poster in all of them. Our other retiring committee member is Jean; Jean joined us as a non-singing committee member and has made the job of fundraising and prize draw look so very easy – but I know it's not... A couple of years ago she also took on being the Treasurer's "right hand woman" and I am sure Dick will be the first to say, she made his life so much easier! I will miss them all.

This year also sees the retirement of 2 of our longstanding committee members, our fantastic secretary, Di and Dick who has been in the choir since the very first day and a committee member for many years; he took on the treasurer's duties when our previous treasurer retired and has done an exemplary job. Luckily they have agreed to remain on the committee so we are not losing them entirely but I couldn't have taken over from Gill and hit the ground running without their help. They have been there for me through every problem and query and I am so grateful to them both. I am pleased to day that Di and Dick have agreed to stay on the committee so we won't be losing them altogether

At the AGM we will present our cheque to this year's recipient, The Combined Cancer Unit; the final total raised by the Christmas concert is a magnificent £10,000. As is our tradition, at 7pm we will be hosting a sit-down 2-course supper. The cost of this year's supper will be £14.00 per

head and a menu is attached at the bottom. The food is all freshly cooked 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; I would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to me with your cheque made payable to Derby Hospitals Choir by 20th March** - my address is at the top of this newsletter. As in previous years, and in order to accommodate everyone, can I ask you to order a maximum of 2 places per member.

We are again privileged to have been asked to take part in the celebrations for Florence Nightingale's 200th Birthday. This year the service will be held in Derby Cathedral on Thursday 14th May 2020 at 11am. It will be a day of special celebrations; the service will precede the renaming of the London Road Hospital. It is being held on a Thursday this year to accommodate a member of the Royal Family who will be in attendance. **If you would like 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 by Tuesday 24th March.** We will then confirm to you if you have a place as space will be limited. There will be three rehearsals prior to the service and these will take place on 29th April, 6th and 13th May. Details of the actual day's events will be made available to those taking part a little nearer the time, but please bear in mind both security and seating will be very tight for this event and I cannot guarantee seats for anyone who is not singing.

The date of this year's concert is Friday, 4th December 2020 at Derby Cathedral, so please pencil this in your diaries now, together with the date of the first rehearsal which is Wednesday 2nd September 2020. This year, I will again be sending out the choir's joining form with the summer newsletter. Please could you ensure that you are able to attend 10 out of the 14 practices before you sign up. Last year we had numerous people who missed 5 or more rehearsals, if you find yourself in this situation, please let us know. We do now have a waiting list so if you think you will be unable to attend due to other commitments then please let us know so that someone else can take your place this year.

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

Kevin Griffiths has taken on the mammoth job of trying to secure sponsorships for the Choir. He has asked me to pass on his request for contacts for him speak to, so if you think you might know someone who would be interested in helping the choir, in any way, please could you contact Kevin robkevg59@outlook.com

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 or on the Derby Hospitals Choir pages on Facebook.

With very best wishes.

Louise

AGM supper reply slip.
Please return to Louise by 20th March 2020

AGM Supper – 3rd APRIL 2020 at 7pm
LITTLE EATON VILLAGE HALL

I would like to reserve the following number of places for the AGM Supper,
£14.00 per head (maximum of 2 per choir member) []

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

RSVP to:

Louise Hill,
168 Brookside Road,
Breadsall Village,
Derbyshire. DE21 5LH
Email: 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.
Please return to Di by 26th March 2020

DERBY & BURTON HOSPITALS CHOIR
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE 200th BIRTHDAY SERVICE
DERBY CATHEDRAL – THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2020, 11am

- 1) I would like to participate in the Florence Nightingale service YES / NO
- 2) I can attend rehearsals on 29th April, 6th and 13th 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
Email: dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE DERBY & BURTON HOSPITALS CHOIR
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 2020 at 5.30pm
AT LITTLE EATON VILLAGE HALL

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 2019 Concert
8. Charity for 2020 Concert
9. Adoption of the new name
10. Any Other Business

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

There will be 3 members retiring by rotation this year; they are willing to re stand:

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. 27th March 2020. 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. 27th March 2020 or otherwise, speak to the Chairman before the meeting.