

Derby Hospitals Choir



Spring 2024 Newsletter

2023 Concert Result

First let me congratulate all those who worked vocally and behind the scenes to make our recent concert such a success. I am pleased to tell you that we have been able to donate £3500!! - £3000 for The King's Lodge Neurological Rehabilitation Unit, and £500 for Art in Hospital. As a result of your efforts, The King's Lodge will now be able to purchase "The Happiness Project" – software that enables patients to receive tailored therapy – we will be invited to see it when it is in place.

This is a really great result. I enjoyed the concert on the night and we had lots of positive feedback from the audience (with around 260 in the audience). I am also pleased to say the sound recordings are finally available on our website for personal consumption – so you can hear how you sounded to the audience – you can find them on the webpage <http://derbyhospitalschoir.co.uk> under Menu, Events, Previous Concerts...

AGM & Social

Our AGM and Social will be held on **Wednesday 24-April at St. John's Methodist Church** on Birchover Way, DE22 2QL. There will be refreshments and socialising from 7pm, with the AGM starting at 7.30pm. The current committee members are willing to stand again and we also have room for more if anyone is interested.

We hope to select the 2024 beneficiary at the AGM so that people know in good time – if you have ideas for beneficiaries, then **let us know by 10th March** so that the committee can prepare a shortlist.

We will also have audited accounts available as our financial year closes at the end of February. We will send out the AGM documents nearer the time.

2024 Concert

The 2024 Christmas concert will be on **Friday 6-December at St. Alkmund's Church**, 40 Kedleston Road, DE22 1GU, at 7.30pm.

Rehearsals will start on **Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm at St. John's Methodist Church**, Birchover Way, DE22 2QL, as usual.

We've decided to hold our next concert at St. Alkmund's once again, as the venue is comfortable for the audience, and an ideal size for us without being too expensive. I know the acoustics provide very little feedback to the choir itself due to the angled walls, and we will look at whether we can improve that with the benefit of technology.

The Summer Newsletter will give more details about the autumn programme and how to register.

Finally

So you now have some good news and 3 or 4 dates for your diaries... enjoy listening to yourselves and see you on 24-April...

Best Wishes,
David and the Committee.

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