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2nd February 2016

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 2016

I would like to personally thank you all, for the warm welcome you have given me in my first year, I was so proud of you all and the 2015 concert will be one I will never forget. It was a marvellous night, which was enjoyed by nearly 700 people and I am delighted to announce the amount of money raised for SANDS Derby, is a fantastic £6,500! It really was amazing to see you all projected on the big screens. Well done also, for a great concert at Broadway and thanks to the Derby Hospitals Band for their contribution to the evening, we were pleased to be able to give £300 to Umbrella, £300 to the Hospital Band and £300 to Broadway Church.

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 would particularly like to thank David Henshaw who has again proved to be a wonderful MD and I am sure you will all agree that we are very lucky to have him. He has motivated the Choir, made rehearsals fun and brought a quiet professionalism to proceedings on the nights we perform.

Thanks also go to Kevin Smith for joining us as accompanist this year; we have enjoyed getting to know him. All in all, we have a great team.....

It was with great sadness that just after the concert we had to say goodbye to Charles Green, he was a wonderful man and a great committee member who always had the choir's best interests at heart. He requested that we sing at his funeral and with a heavy heart, 15 of us did. We hope he would have been pleased with our performance and I am sure he would have found the fact that the Chairman sang with them quite funny! He will be totally irreplaceable.

We also lost an honorary life member and dedicated Secretary, Barbara Stephenson a few days later. Barbara gave endless years to the choir, she was Secretary at the very first concert and she helped to lay the foundations of what we have today, we will be forever grateful to her. What a terribly sad time for Derby Hospitals Choir.

On happier note, we also welcomed several new members last year, it has been lovely getting to know them and see them enjoying singing with us, I hope they decide they enjoyed it all enough to be back with us again this year !

The AGM will be held on Friday 11th March 2016 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, and as mentioned before, 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 representatives of SANDS, Derby, Umbrella, The Derby Hospitals Band and Broadway Baptist Church. The cost of this years supper will be £12.50 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 at derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com by 29th February, in order that we can organise the supper numbers. As last year, 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 at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 14th May 2016. 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. There will be three rehearsals prior to the service and these will take place on 27th April, 4th May 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 next year's concert is Friday, 2nd December 2016 at the Cathedral and Wednesday 7th December at Broadway Church, so please pencil this in your diaries now, together with the date of the first rehearsal which is Wednesday 7th September.

To save postage for everyone this year, I am also enclosing a participation to the Choir form for you to complete and return together with your other reply slips – one stamp for all!! Alternatively, to avoid paying any postage at all, please email your AGM supper reply slips **only** to me by 29th February at derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com and all other reply slips to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk. 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 or on the Derby Hospitals Choir pages on facebook.

With very best wishes

Louise

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AGM supper reply slip – return to derbyhospitalschoir@hotmail.com or to Louise by post by 29th February

Florence Nightingale concert – return to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk

AGM agenda and nomination form – return to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk

Choir Enrolment form – return to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk

AGM Supper – 11th MARCH 2016 at 7pm
BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

I would like to reserve the following number of places for the AGM Supper, £12.50 per head
(maximum of 2 per choir member) []

NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
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RSVP:

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



DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT - FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER 2016

Would you please complete this slip and return it to dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk By Friday
29th July 2016

1) Do you wish to be a member of the choir this year? YES / NO
Weekly rehearsals commence on Weds 7th Sept 2016

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

3) Do you sing:

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

If you are not sure, please still come and talk to David.

4) Do you wish to be contacted next year if a Christmas Concert is held in 2017? YES / NO

5) Date and Year of Joining the Choir.....

Name:
(In block letters)

Home address:.....
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Email address:

Telephone number:

RSVP:-

Mrs D. Alleyne.
6 Slade Close,
Etwall
Derby DE65 6JH
Email: dgalleyne@hotmail.co.uk

DERBY HOSPITALS CHOIR
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
DERBY CATHEDRAL, – SATURDAY 14th MAY 2016
(Time 11am - to be confirmed)

1) I would like to participate in the Cathedral Service YES / NO

2) I can attend rehearsals on 27th April, 4th 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)

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 HOSPITALS CHOIR TO BE
HELD ON
FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 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 2015 Concert
8. Charity for 2016 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 1 member retiring by rotation this year: Madge Ingram
She will be standing for re-election

We also have a 2 further vacancies.

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. 4th March 2016. 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. 4th March 2016 or otherwise, speak to the Chairman before the meeting