Come and Join the Dursley Male Voice Choir

It's good for you

Choral singing is good for your health. If you've been to see Dursley Male Voice Choir in recent years you might have noted how regular singing in a choir can see you through to a ripe old age! Indeed, it has been scientifically proven that choral singing is good for both your physical and mental health.

About the Choir

Dursley Male Voice Choir was founded by a group of enthusiastic local singers in 1978 and has since grown to be one of the principal male voice choirs of the region with singers drawn from communities around Dursley and the wider Stroud district.

The Choir performs around 12 concerts each year, the majority of them for charity. As well as local concerts the choir performs at many venues around the UK and internationally. Memorable concerts include those whilst on tour in south-west Ireland, at St George's Hall in Bristol in aid of Southmead Hospital, as well as concerts in the Pittville Pump Rooms, Colston Hall, Gloucester Cathedral, Bath Abbey and Cheltenham Town Hall. The choir toured Yorkshire in September 2017 singing at Harrogate and in Ripon Cathedral. Then again in 2019 singing near Sheffield and in Wakefield Cathedral. Over the years the choir has been successful in many competitions and have toured extensively including Canada, Austria, Ireland as well as many UK locations.

A recruitment campaign

The choir has recently resumed performances following 18 months of COVID enforced absence. This period has also seen a number of our older members decide that the time has come for them to retire from the choir. They will be missed, but this has also galvanised a recruitment campaign to bring the choir up to its former strength.

So, to the gentlemen among you, or ladies who think their men would benefit from a bit of choral singing, we would like to welcome you into the Dursley Male Voice Choir. Yes, you do need to be able to hold a tune, but we're not looking for a Pavarotti or the next Bryn Terfel. You don't need to be able to read music; in fact, we provide practice tracks and videos to help you learn pieces at home. We are also making special efforts to help support new members. So, as well as ensuring you have a 'buddy' in your early weeks we will also offer 'New Members' practices to help you come up to speed with pieces the choir already knows well. We practice on a Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Chantry Centre in Dursley.

Contact us

You can find out more about the choir <u>online</u> or on Facebook @DursleyMaleVoiceChoir. You can also watch some Lockdown recordings we made on YouTube; just search Dursley Male Voice Choir. But please feel free to get more information and help by ringing Laurence Bryant on 01453 890195.