**SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY A LOCAL GROUP OF SINGERS EXTENDS YOU AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE HOW…**

Thurgoland Community Choir is what it says: a group of singers that come from across the wider North Sheffield and Penistone areas. It was first formed in 2012 and some of our members come originally from as far afield as Germany, Catalonia and Australia. We enjoy and value our diversity.

Graham Elliot, the Chairman tells us “The choir has a friendly family atmosphere. We have had generations of mothers and daughters, fathers and daughters, sisters, husbands and wives, neighbours and friends, who have joined us over the last ten years. No one is a stranger for long; you will find us friendly and welcoming with offers of a cuppa and cake.

It does not matter how good or inexperienced a singer you are. Most of us started our singing at the community choir with basic or no knowledge of music but within a short time and with the support or our Musical Director and other members of the choir we are bursting, almost pitch perfect, with the high notes of the Ave Maria or enveloped by the baritone tones of a Requiem.

Indeed, we are a daring lot and we will accept a challenge with gusto. In 2017 we toured Tuscany with members from other choirs and in 2019 we joined the “Concert Choir” project and performed at Sheffield and Wakefield Cathedrals and in Malta”

The new MD, Hilary Osborn <https://www.sheffieldmusicacademy.org/hilary-osborn>, explains “Singing is for everyone, the health benefits are proven! You will find that the choir sings songs to suit all tastes and perhaps during our rehearsals we will introduce you to new songs and styles. Our current list includes the Ave Maria by Caccini and the Lion King with a dash of Sinatra and Rodgers and Hammerstein” There is no audition to join Thurgoland Community choir and recordings are provided to help you learn the songs.

Choir members comment on how singing has help them overcome health problems and what a good workout it is both mentally and physically “At Thurgoland Community Choir we just love to sing our hearts out! So if you like to sing too - Why not come and join us on 16th July from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Thurgoland Village Hall, 2 Roper Lane, Thurgoland S35 7AA for the SING ALONG- CHOIR’s OPEN EVENING. We can’t promise you’ll become the next Katherine Jenkins, Shirley Bassey or Elton John but you will certainly find your voice”

Admission to the Open Night is free and after hearing the choir sing a few songs there will be tea/coffee and cakes followed by singing games (suitable for all ages!) and surprise prizes.

Following a short break for the summer, on Wednesday 7th September the Choir will restart rehearsals at CRANE MOOR METHODISTS CHURCH (Crane Moor Rd, Crane Moor, Thurgoland, Sheffield S35 7AT). There is always a free taster session when you first join the choir.

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