

# FRIENDS OF WITHAM CHORAL



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Summer newsletter 2019

## Dear Friends

The term is progressing already, and we are only a few weeks away from our summer concert when we invite anyone who is interested to come along and join our rehearsals for **Excerpts from the Gondoliers & The Mikado**. Everyone will also be able to attend our afternoon rehearsal and evening concert on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Soloists will be from amongst the choir – look out for some familiar faces! Updates will be on our Facebook page & website as the day gets closer.

**Here is some news about this term, we hope to see you:**

### **Diary Dates in 2019:**

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Come and Sing with us!**

If you would like to sing with us for our summer programme of music, or even sing a solo, for our **Gilbert and Sullivan concert evening**. As always we rehearse at Witham United Reformed Church. Remember there is parking in Newland Street (if you arrive early) and nearby behind the Newlands Shopping Centre or at Mill Lane Car Parks. The fee for either of these is 50p, which is the 'special overnight rate' the new ticket machines should issue you with the correct ticket.

Do speak to one of us if you are interested in singing with us or would like some tickets. If you are interested in tickets for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, just contact Stephen or myself and we can make arrangements (*our contact details at the end of this letter*).

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, new term begins

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, autumn concert at Witham United Reformed Church

**Carol Concert, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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### **News & Events for you to take part in**

1. We are joining in on **Witham Community Day**, taking place in the Town Park, Maldon Road, Witham. The choir will have a stand and also will sing a few pieces from the forthcoming concert in the afternoon, at around about 1.45pm or just after. This is our opportunity to promote the choir to the town and hopefully meet new people who have moved into the area and tell them about ourselves.

**2. Join us on our summer trip to Rainbow Rural**, near Barnston, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1ND

You may remember that our Christmas charity was Rainbow Rural. We are proud to have raised £320 for them.

The choir were so taken by some of the stories about the people that they help, that we are going to visit the site on the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm for a little look around and some tea and cake. If you would like to join us please let Stephen Northfield or Christine Hall know. We hope to share lifts as much as possible, so don't let transport put you off.

*'Rainbow Rural' are an organic farm based near to Gt Dunmow, and provide acres of fun and learning for disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable adults, children and young people.*  
<https://www.rainbowrural.co.uk/>

**3. Clare's Concert Trips to the Royal Festival Hall (RFH)**

We are at the end of the 2018/19 season, and are looking forward to the list for the 2019/20 season. We hope to promote a trip for the choir to attend as one of our social events, more news as we find out more.

**The final trip of the current season is: SUNDAY June 2nd RFH – Philharmonia**

Conductor Pablo Heras-Casado Mendelssohn Overture, The Hebrides, Violin Nicola Benedetti

Bruch Violin Concerto, No 1

Tchaikovsky Symphony No 4

If you are interested, give Clare a call, 01376 513747 [clare\\_lager@onetel.com](mailto:clare_lager@onetel.com)

**We hope that we may see** some of you before long or at the next concert. Thank you so much for your support and for being a Friend of Witham Choral.

With kind regards,

**Christine Hall**

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***On behalf of the Committee of Witham Choral***

***Chair: Rev Stephen Northfield, 01245 380958***

*Attached: Concert Flyer - Come and Sing: Gilbert & Sullivan*