

Traquair Choir is a non-auditioned community choir which provides the opportunity for people of all ages and musical experience to sing together, even if you've never sung before! We aim to have fun whilst developing singing skills.

- No need to be able to read music.
- Sing different song styles in unison and in harmony
- Learn good breath, vocal and musicianship skills
- Take the opportunity to perform and demonstrate your new singing skills in concerts/events

We rehearse in Traquair Village Hall (EH44 6PL)

- Wednesdays 5.15 – 6.30pm
- Cost: £4 per week – includes sheet music
- Parking is limited so please car share/park considerately
- The hall/car park needs to be cleared by 6.45pm for the next group using the hall

A typical rehearsal always begins with

- a gentle physical warm up including breathing exercises
- a vocal warm up

....followed by either

- a song learnt by ear (often in harmony)
- new songs learnt with lyrics/sheet music
- revision of familiar songs
- practising a programme for a concert

As a community choir, we know that singers have busy lives and attendance can be variable. If you will miss 2 or more consecutive rehearsals, please let Elaine or Julie know.

What is expected of singers?

- To bring your current music with you to rehearsals (and a pencil!)
- To practice between sessions where possible (there are practice tools on the choir website)

Concerts and Events

- To commit to at least half of the performance rehearsals in order to be included on the night. The dress rehearsal and final rehearsal on concert day are compulsory for the performance. Please keep concert commitments where possible
- Check the website for term/concert dates and project information : www.traquairchoir.org.uk

Music

- We ask for a £2 contribution to sheet music at the start of the Autumn term. Any further costs are covered by your weekly fee.
- You may be asked to sign in/out copies occasionally.
- Please return any original music copies if you take a break from choir

Communication/Publicity (see Data Protection Policy on the website)

- We communicate by email and will keep your address confidential. Please let Elaine know if you do not have access to email.
- On occasion we may take photos/videos in rehearsals or at concerts, please let us know if you do not want to be included in this

We take a break over Christmas, Easter and in the Summer holidays.

How to Join?

Contact Elaine Heron to arrange a free taster session.
We accept new members in the first 2-3 weeks of each new term.

Our Choir Team

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For your Information

Traquair Choir currently operates as an unconstituted association. For more information:-

www.resourcecentre.org.uk/information/legal-structures-for-community-and-voluntary-groups

Your weekly choir fee is used for the hall hire, musical director fee, sheet music and choir social events, transport etc.. All monies are used for Traquair Choir purposes only and annual accounts are made available for choir members. Should you wish to pay choir fees on a term by term basis by BACS, please speak to Anne Ritchie.

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