



Sing for Life – What’s happening?

Starting from scratch in May 2018, *Sing for Life* is about getting 40 or so local women to rehearse over 10 weeks for a charity concert at the Cresset Theatre in Peterborough on Saturday 21st July. The concert will be raising money for Sue Ryder’s much-loved Thorpe Hall Hospice.

Introduction Sessions

Come along to one of our introduction sessions where you can meet our musical director Will Prideaux and his team, as well as the singers that will help and support you throughout the project.

There is NO audition, you’ll simply be asked to sing a few notes, so we know how high/low your voice is and what part you will sing.

Sessions will be at the Key Theatre, Peterborough on Thursday 10th May (7 – 9pm), Friday 11th May (7 – 9pm) and Saturday 12th May (10.30am – 12.30pm).

Please let us know ASAP which session you wish to attend, and we will give you a time slot. You only need to attend ONE of these sessions.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be from 7.45pm on Thursday evenings at The John Mansfield Centre, Western Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 4HX, starting on Thursday 17th May. You’ll already have met Will and the team – we’ll supply the music, all you have to do is turn up!

The home straight

After 8 weeks of rehearsal you will have reached a good standard of singing and for the remaining 2 weeks you’ll join in with Peterborough Voices’ rehearsals on Tuesday evenings (in addition to your own Thursday evening rehearsals) to perfect the pieces we will all be performing together.

Your newly-developed singing skills will fit nicely with the established choir and with the bigger group around you will build confidence to sing in the main concert.

The big day

The *Sing for Life* concert is at The Cresset on Saturday 21st July. There will be a rehearsal in the afternoon, times to be confirmed.

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Your questions answered:

You're bound to have a question or two about the project. I hope that you'll find what you're looking for here...

The Singers - who is it for?

Put quite simply: Women.

We're looking for ordinary women like YOU who would like to get involved in group singing, meet a fantastic bunch of new people and have some fun while raising money for a much-loved local charity. Plus – of course – there are the well-documented physical and emotional benefits of group singing, which is proven to improve wellbeing and productivity!

But I have never sung – can I come?

A resounding yes - helping people discover their voice is what the project is all about! Our musical director, Will, is very experienced at leading singers who have never sung before and/or who can't read music.

So, is it only for beginners, then?

We welcome experienced singers and beginners alike. Members have joined Peterborough Voices without the ability to read a note. Others are seasoned musicians who can write and arrange music or have conducting experience. The same goes for *Sing for Life*! Whatever your musical ability you are very welcome. And if you have some experience, that will be to your advantage.

Have I got to be auditioned?

This is not the *X Factor* and there is NO formal audition! However, during the introductory session we'd like to hear you sing a few notes so we can allocate you the right part. If you are one of the very few people we think would struggle a lot and not enjoy singing within the group, we'll be kind enough to let you know at the outset!

The Group - This is a choir, right?

The word 'choir' conjures up all sorts of pictures, most of which are inaccurate. But yes, *Sing for Life*, will be a group of women singing together which - by definition - is a choir, but not as you know it...!

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What is a female voice choir?

Like a mixed voice choir, a female voice choir sings in four parts, but using only women's voices. The parts are (from highest to lowest): Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto 1 and Alto 2.

What support can I expect?

William Prideaux is the director and founder of *Sing for Life*. He is very approachable and is committed to helping all members of the group throughout the project, supported by our music team and "mentors".

What sort of music can I expect?

An eclectic mix! It will be much the same as the Peterborough Voices repertoire. They're currently singing some songs from the shows, some standards like *Moon River*, some sacred numbers like *The Lord Is My Shepherd* (the *Vicar Of Dibley* theme music), some more modern songs like *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, and fun numbers like *Say A Little Prayer*. We haven't worked out the programme for the *Sing for Life* concert yet, but this is the sort of music you can expect!

How much does it cost?

Participation is completely free of charge all we ask for is £25 to cover our costs so all monies raised can go to our chosen charity Sue Ryder's Thorpe Hall Hospice.

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