



## Joining Information

**We are delighted that you that you are thinking of joining!**

**This document tells you a little bit more about the choir and the joining process for when you are ready.**

### About Walton Voices

We rehearse once a week on Wednesday evenings from 8pm to 10pm at Bell Farm Primary School, Hershams Road, Hershams, Walton-on-Thames KT12 5NB. Please try to arrive a little early to enable us to start the rehearsal promptly at 8pm. We have a short break in the middle to enable people to catch up with friends and colleagues, with refreshments provided free of charge! If you are not able to make a rehearsal, please let your Voice Representative know.

We source and obtain music scores to lend to members; the cost of this is covered by your membership subscription and no additional charge is made. You will be asked to leave your music with us at the end of each rehearsal until you are a paid-up member, at which point you can keep it until the end of term, returning it with any pencil markings carefully rubbed out, of course! We provide each member with a plain black Walton Voices folder to hold music during concert performances.

We usually perform three main concerts a year - one in late November or early December, one in March or April and one in June or July. Rehearsals start in the first or second week of September and finish at the June/July concert, with 'school holiday' breaks for Christmas and Easter. There is normally an additional rehearsal held in the afternoon of each concert date.

We have a programme of social activities and other events scheduled for each termly session. Details of these will be announced throughout the choir year.

### Ready to Join?

When you are ready to join Walton Voices you can do so by firstly filling in the online membership form which can be found at <https://forms.gle/MY1nwdHaSCFRQwwT8> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or tablet. A paper form is also available on request.

Secondly, please pay your subscription for the term or, if you prefer and you are joining before 31<sup>st</sup> October, at the discounted rate for the year.



### Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions pay for the musical director, accompanist, music and other rehearsal costs such as venue hire, insurance and publicity. The membership fee is currently £225 for the year, discounted to £190 if payment is received in full by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The fee for the year paid in instalments is £75 per term. Instalment payments become due not later than the date of the third rehearsal of each term. There are discounted rates for joint membership (same household) of £264 for the year if paid by 31<sup>st</sup> October, and also for students in full-time education of £50 for the year or £20 per term in instalments.

People who are out of work or otherwise struggling financially are also able to pay the student rate; please approach one of the Trustees in confidence if you are in this position and wish to do so.

Payment can be made by cheque, payable to 'Walton Voices', to be given to the Treasurer or ideally by online bank transfer using the details below:

Account Name: Walton Voices  
Sort Code: 60-22-25  
Account No. 32567766  
Ref. <surname> subs

We encourage members to complete a Gift Aid Declaration if they are UK taxpayers. This significantly helps the Choir's finances at no cost to the member. Details of this will be sent out to members via email.

## Next Steps

The password for the members area of the Walton Voices website will be shared with you when you have joined, in an email copied to your voice rep so that you have his/her contact info readily available.

You will be added to our 'Mailchimp' mailing list so that you will receive important updates from the Management Team, and you can also join our members Facebook group if you would like to - you can find that at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/waltonvoicesmembersgroup/>

You can also find our official 'Members Handbook' on the website which contains all of our key policies eg safeguarding and data protection.

## Choir Organisation

The choir is led by a Committee of Trustees, which is elected at the Annual General Meeting, and run by a volunteer Management Team. The Committee comprises the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and three Non-Executive Trustees.

Members are encouraged to support the choir's activities and get involved in the promotion and organisation of concerts and events. If you would like to join the Management Team or otherwise help in the running of the choir, then please let the Chairman or Secretary know.

## Who's Who?

Musical Director	Jonathan Kilhams
Accompanist	Anna-Maria Raffa
Chairman	Emma Heard (Trustee)
Secretaries	Kate Simpson (Trustee) Steph Madden (Trustee)
Treasurer	John Bowden (Trustee)
Membership Secretary	Dave Wilkins
Librarian	Lesley Paterson
Soprano Voice Part Rep.	Claire Bater
Alto Voice Part Rep.	Katie Kumar
Tenor Voice Part Rep.	Alex Munro
Bass Voice Part Rep.	Tim Willetts



Contact details for all of the above can be found in the members area of the Walton Voices website, where you will also find our calendar, rehearsal links and tracks, and lots more.

If you are not yet a subscribed member but have other queries, please direct those to our Membership Secretary on [info@waltonvoices.co.uk](mailto:info@waltonvoices.co.uk) or 07779 871665.