



**THE MEARS ASHBY GROUP  
COMMUNITY CHOIRS  
NEWS & CHAT**

**September to December 2018.**

Hi everyone and welcome to our first Newsletter for the Community Choir covering the Autumn Term. We hope that over time more will want to join this new venture in our villages of Hardwick, Mears Ashby, Sywell & Overstone. If you hear of anyone who would like to look at joining, please let me have their details and I will have a natter with them.

Below you will find all the details about the events we shall be singing at as well as practices. For now the practices will be on a Monday but of course if this clashes with any other events or school we can look at moving it.

**SOCIAL SIDE TO THE CHOIR**

One area that will be taking place is social things. We need fun as well as work !!! For our Adult Choir this could involve a meal out together or getting together after practice in say the Griffin. For our Youth Choir we could look at events such as Ten Pin Bowling, SnoZone in MK, Wicksteed Park etc. A social side is always important to any group.

**YOUTH CHOIR MASCOT**

Calling all our young people. We hope in time that we shall have youngsters from all the three primary schools in our group. One thing we would love to have is a Youth Choir Mascot so get your thinking caps on !!! We want our young people to have a think about what would make a great mascot for the Youth Choir. In the autumn we shall have a chat to see what YOU would like as YOUR mascot. So thinking caps on and be imaginative. We want to be proud of our mascot.

**CHOIR LAUNCH EVENINGS**

In September we are having our Launch Evenings for the Choirs. **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>** will see the event for the Adult Choir take place in Mears Ashby Church at 7pm.

On **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30pm (again in All Saints Church) the Mears Ashby arm of the Youth Choir will meet. There will be separate launch evenings for the youth in Sywell & Overstone.

There will be tea and coffee as well as biccies etc for all the singers and parents too. So spread the word to everyone please. Just to say once the Youth Choir from the three villages is in place, they shall meet as one choir in the various villages.

**SINGING EVENTS & PRACTICES (up to Christmas)**

Choir	Event	Practices Dates
Youth Choir (Practices on Mondays at 6.30pm)	11 <sup>th</sup> November. 10.50 Mears Ashby Remembrance Day Service	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> October
	23 <sup>rd</sup> December. 4pm Mears Ashby Village Carol Service by Candlelight	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Adult Choir (Practices on Mondays at 7.30pm)	16 <sup>th</sup> September. 10am Mears Ashby Confirmation Service	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> September
	4 <sup>th</sup> November. 6pm Mears Ashby All Souls Service for the benefice	22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> October
	11 <sup>th</sup> November. 5pm. Sywell Candlelit Remembrance Service	5 <sup>th</sup> November
	23 <sup>rd</sup> December. 4pm Mears Ashby Village Carol Service by Candlelight	26 <sup>th</sup> November & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> December
	24 <sup>th</sup> December. 11.30pm Mears Ashby. Mid-Night Mass	Will cover music in previous practices

**CAROL SINGING**

Nearer Christmastime, it is hoped that we can all go Carol Singing possibly in the Griffin and Horseshoe public houses and even around our villages. I will keep you posted about this.

Thankyou for reading this first Newsletter. If there is any thing I can do to improve things, or you would like to know more about the choirs (or know someone who would like to join) contact me on 01933 276433, Mobile:- 07867 554476 or E Mail: [TonyE1960@aol.com](mailto:TonyE1960@aol.com). *Tony Edwards*