

How to apply

Please apply in writing, giving the following:

- name, age, address and contact number or email
- whether you are in full- or part-time education or not
- which vocal part you sing: soprano, alto, tenor or bass
- any singing lessons you have had in the past or currently
- what singing experience you have: concerts, musical shows, solo roles - and where this has taken place
- your transport requirements to and from rehearsals and performances

Please state, in your own words, why you wish to apply, and what you feel you will gain from our Bursary Scheme.

Get the details

Applicants should contact our Conductor, Wendy Scott, for information about the music we sing and what type of solo singing would be expected.

Once applications have been received with the required details as above, they will be scrutinised by the Committee and successful applicants will then be invited to attend a rehearsal to meet the choir and join in.

An informal voice test will follow.

Your application

Please send your written application to:

Wendy Scott, Conductor,

The Marchington Singers, by post or email:

5 Lime Close, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbysire DE6 5NR,

Telephone: 01889 563570, or mobile: 07944 749810.

Email: wendy@raggedrobin.co.uk

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The Marchington Singers



£500 **Bursary Scheme** **for Young Singers**



The Marchington Singers

The Marchington Singers is a mixed voice choir formed in 1984. At full strength we have fifty members. We meet for rehearsals weekly on Wednesday evenings at Marchington Village Hall, Marchington, Uttoxeter ST148LF at 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. We sing a wide variety of music but do not generally perform large choral works - there are other choirs in the region who do that! However, we include music from Musicals to Movies, Gershwyn to Gospel - and most other styles in between.

We sometimes invite guests to perform at our main concert, and have been delighted to have engaged Katherine Jenkins OBE, Lucy Crowe (a former member of The Marchington Singers and now a world famous lyric soprano) and Laura Mvula, to name a few. Other guest performers include music students from Derby High School, professional dancers and, on one memorable occasion, a cèilidh band!

We perform three concerts per year: in Spring, Summer and Christmas; we also sing at weddings and take part in performances for fundraising events such as the Mayor of Burton's Carol Concert, and to support local charities. Our Christmas concert is always a big event, sometimes with costumes and readings, and is very well attended.

All members pay an annual subscription, which pays for our venue and for the music provided; and we have social events such as a Christmas dinner - usually in January! - and a summer picnic. We have a committee, currently of nine members, who are elected at an Annual General Meeting, and they meet regularly to ensure the smooth management of the Singers.

The Bursary Scheme for Young Singers

We are delighted to be in a position to support three bursaries, open to all voices: soprano, contralto, tenor, bass and baritone. The aim is to give monetary support to **singers up to the age of twenty-five, whether in full- or part-time education or in employment**, thereby providing the opportunity to sing as a choir member and possibly a soloist at regular rehearsals and at concerts.

Attendance

Successful candidates will be required to attend a minimum of 80% of regular Wednesday rehearsals at Marchington, including any pre-concert rehearsals on performance days. This is to enable the young singer(s) to fully familiarise themselves with the repertoire and engage with other choir members.

It is recognised that a Young Singer may have other commitments such as study time, examinations and sporting fixtures, which are outside of the choir. With this in mind, prior permission should be sought from parents, teachers, or any other interested party *as applicable*.

Bursary Funding

The Bursary runs initially for twelve months at a value of £500 for each Young Singer. If there are less than three successful applicants, the Bursary could be extended beyond twelve months, by arrangement.

There will be a further sum of up to £300 each for out-of-pocket expenses such as travelling. A subscription (normally £50 for members) will not be charged, and digital rehearsal aids (CD or mp3 files) uniform, folders, etc., will be provided by the choir.

Recent beneficiaries of our Bursary Scheme:

Rachel: *“Everyone is really kind - they are all enthusiastic and really love music. For me, singing improves my vocal range and musical knowledge. It's fun to do!”*

Ed: *“The Marchington Singers are a friendly and welcoming group of singers, and have provided me with the opportunity to participate in something entertaining and sociable within the local community. I have been able to work with some very experienced singers and been able to sing a wide variety of music, from traditional choral to musicals. I would encourage any young person to take advantage of this scheme as I have found it very enjoyable.”*