



**A few points to remember:**

- Rehearsals 7 to 9 pm on Fridays during term time at The Memorial Hall, High Street Woburn Sands.
- Sign in at the door on arrival and collect any new music.
- Pay the termly membership fee promptly.
- Bring a mug if you want coffee or tea in the half time

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# Sands Singers

## Members' Handbook

**2022/23**

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Sands Singers is a Community Choir based in Woburn Sands formed by popular request by local residents. From the very first rehearsal session on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 we have grown as an enthusiastic and friendly choir and are building a strong local reputation.

Led by our Musical Director, Karen Clegg, we currently have around 38 members many of whom start unable to read music but very quickly gain musical knowledge as they progress.

## Membership of the choir

Everyone is welcome to join, there are no auditions for the Sands Singers and you don't need to be able to read music or to have experience of singing in a choir. All skill levels are equally welcome. You do need to enjoy singing and be willing to learn to sing a variety of different types of music. The choir is split into four sections – 1st sopranos, 2nd sopranos (female voices), tenors and basses (male voices and deeper female voices); if you're not sure which you are, ask the Musical Director. Newcomers are welcome to attend rehearsals for two weeks before committing to membership. Members are encouraged to make suggestions of songs to learn.

The full term membership fee is payable at the beginning of each term. For 2022/23 the fees will be :-

Autumn Term	10 weeks - £40.00
Spring Term	11 weeks - £44.00
Summer Term	9 weeks - £36.00

Please pay your fee to the Membership Secretary no later than four weeks after the start of each term. The membership fee is non-refundable.

Membership fees go towards the cost of the Musical Director, Accompanist, hire of the hall, music, equipment, catering, concerts and advertising.

As a Member, you agree to be responsible for the replacement of any music that has been issued to you that has been lost.

## Concerts

We plan to have a major concert in the summer and a Christmas carol concert in December. In addition, the choir, or small groups of singers from the choir, may perform at weddings, various community events, such as the Woburn Sands Christmas Fayre and singing carols in local pubs at Christmas time. Some of the money raised from these events may go to local charities.

## Rehearsals

Our rehearsals are from 7 to 9 pm on Friday evenings during term time. The term dates for 2022/23 are:

23 Sep to 9 Dec 2022 (Mid-term break 28 Oct & 4 Nov 2022) - 10 Weeks

06 Jan to 31 Mar 2023 (Mid-term break 17 & 24 Feb 2023 - 11 Weeks

28 April to 7 July 2023 (Mid-term break 2 & 9 June 2023 - 9 Weeks

Members should sign in and collect any new music (all members are given a unique number that remains with them for issuing of sheet music) when they arrive and **be ready to sing** at the 7pm starting time.

There is a mid-rehearsal break, when refreshments are provided. This is a good opportunity to get to know other members of the choir. Please bring your own mug and leave it on the counter before the start of the rehearsal so that it can be filled with the appropriate beverage just before the break. A few times a year you may be asked to help prepare the refreshments.

## Organisation

The Musical Director of the Sands Singers is Karen Clegg.

A committee runs the choir on behalf of the members. A new committee is elected at an Annual General Meeting in April each year.

Committee members in 2022/23:

Denise Rowe	Chair
Carol Cole	Treasurer
Janis Lees	Membership Secretary
Angela Burnett	Secretary
Trevor Hutton	Web Master
Sue Braddish	Catering
Jan Alder	Publicity
Fiona Balding	Recruitment

We have a 'Suggestion Box' if there is anything you think the committee should address, or you can speak direct to any one of the committee members. We hope you will offer your help when the choir needs it and that you will participate fully in all activities and events.