**Lower Windrush Choral Society**

**Guidelines for members**

These guidelines have been developed to encourage everyone in the choir to improve the standard of their singing as individuals, as well as to improve the standard of the choir as a whole.

**Guidelines for attendance**

It is appreciated that family and work commitments may take precedence over choir attendance. However, the following points should be noted:

* Reasonably frequent attendance at rehearsals is needed to ensure that members are ready for concerts. In cases of frequent absence the Music Director (MD) will assess your ability to participate in a concert*.*
* Attendance is required for the two final rehearsals before a concert – the rehearsal on the day and the preceding rehearsal. The MD may waive this requirement at his discretion.
* It would be appreciated if you would let your section leader or the Chairman know if you are unable to attend any rehearsals.

**Guidelines for Rehearsals**

* Adopt good practice by watching the MD wherever possible.
* Adopt good practice and follow the MD’s instructions immediately.
* Limit non-essential conversations with neighbours.
* Whilst the MD gives guidance to other sections of the choir, please do not disturb others by talking, humming or singing.
* Remember that you are part of an ensemble and adjust your voice to blend with your neighbours.
* If you are not sure of your notes or your entries, sing quietly or not at all until you have learnt them.
* If you are uncertain about your part, please ask for help.
* Raising your hand indicates that you realise you have made a mistake. This will help the MD deal with the problem appropriately.
* If circumstances within your section interfere with your ability to enjoy the music and perform to the best of your ability, share your concerns with your section leader.

**Guidelines for Homework**

* Please go over the pieces covered in rehearsal, and prepare for the next session. The website will point you towards learning aids.
* In case of absence, the Bulletin will advise on what you have missed.
* The MD will wish the choir to begin each piece confidently. Learning the first few bars from memory will help to achieve this.

**Please encourage each other to observe these guidelines.**

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