**LOWER WINDRUSH CHORAL SOCIETY**

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS (SMALL CHOIR)**

1. **Rates for 2019 for the small choir**

As those who were in the small choir last term will know, no fees were charged for that term. The subscription now due is to cover the period 1 January to 31 August (which is the Society’s financial year-end). (Future payments will be for the year beginning 1 September). The subscription includes music for the two Bach Cantatas.

The Committee has decided to ask all members of the small choir who are not also members of the main choir to pay an affiliation membership fee of an additional £5. Payment of this sum is intended to remove any doubt over the status of these singers as Members of Lower Windrush Choral Society for matters such as external subscriptions paid by the society and for insurance purposes.

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| **Subs for the period 1.1.19 to 31.8.19** |  |
| Per member where also a member of the full choir | £35.00 |
| Per member where **not** a member of the full choir | £40.00 |

1. **Payment arrangements**

We are not offering termly or monthly instalments on small choir subscriptions, so the entire fee is payable now.

As I am not a member of the small choir and therefore will not be attending rehearsals, Diana Gordon has kindly agreed to collect any subscriptions brought to them, although those who are in the full choir are welcome to hand subs directly to me at a Monday rehearsal.

Cash: preferably in an envelope with your name on.

Cheque: make out to ‘*Lower Windrush Choral* *Society’* (in full)

Online: please arrange for the appropriate amount to be sent to:

Account name:                 Lower Windrush Choral Society

Bank:                                Barclays Bank plc

Sort code:                         20-01-09

Account number:             63064832

Reference:                       Your name

1. **Gift Aid on members’ subscriptions**

As a Registered Charity (No. 1152661), the Society is able to claim Gift Aid on donations.  We have not previously claimed this on any small choir subscriptions, for technical reasons that no longer apply. HMRC rules do not allow us to count the whole of our membership subscriptions as a donation. We have to identify an amount attributable to providing “tuition”, and we can then claim Gift Aid on the balance. It is a requirement that we notify you of the following split between tuition and the rest, which is:

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| Members who are also members of the full choir | Tuition: £10 | General: £25 | Total: £35 |
| Members who are **not** also members of the full choir | Tuition: £10 | General: £30 | Total: £40 |

If you pay tax and are willing that the Society should reclaim basic rate tax through Gift Aid, then please complete the attached Gift Aid declaration and return it to me – by hard copy or scanned via email – if you haven’t already done so.  If you have changed your address since you completed your declaration, please complete a new one.

If you pay higher rate tax, you can reclaim the difference between higher and basic rate on the “General” amount quoted above by including it in the relevant section of your tax return.

Do let me know if you have any queries.

Best wishes

Theresa

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