

New items: Jane will do the subs form at rehearsal on her laptop, for anyone who is struggling. Donations sought for sherry and mince pies. New carol singing date. Rail strikes that may affect us. Poetry book for sale.

Next rehearsal is on Tuesday 29 November 2022

Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday 29 November at 7pm, at King Edward's Upper School. We will rehearse Christmas music and the Caroline Shaw piece.

The hire charge for Christmas music and the Shaw piece is £3; correct change will be much appreciated. You will also need to bring your '100 Carols for Choirs' copies (white version or the separate green blue and orange volumes).

We have a small number of carol books available to borrow, but members are asked to buy their own if at all possible please. Unfortunately the latest print of '100 Carols for Choirs' costs £27 (eg from [Music Room](#)), but older releases are available for around £20 (eg from [Amazon](#)) and second hand ones for just £13.50 (eg from [Chamberlain Music](#)) or via eBay.

Gentle reminder: Darius prefers all Chorus members to take part in all concerts wherever possible, and to attend all rehearsals in any case. So please check this season's rehearsal and concert dates, at <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/currentschedule.pdf> or via the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals](#) (user name *member* password *M4hler8D@rius22*).

Links to rehearsal tracks and YouTube recordings of all the music we are singing are on the Chorus website at [Members Area / Rehearsals / Preparing the Music](#) (carols yet to be added)

Thank you for paying your subs

Thank you to all the members who have completed the online form and paid their subs – it's greatly appreciated. Please pay if you haven't yet! At rehearsal on Tuesday Jane Parkin will help anyone stuck on the online form, and answer queries about payment methods.

Message from Jane and Marianne: *'To reduce the significant administrative burden of handling subscriptions, we are making some changes this year:*

- *Please use the online subs form <https://forms.office.com/r/EKSd5X1z4Z> No paper subs forms please! **NB Jane will be at rehearsal early, with her laptop, to do the form online for anyone who is really struggling.***
- *Please could all subs payments be made by internet bank transfer or by standing order, no cheques or cash please!*
- *Monthly standing order payments are only available for those paying for 2 or 3 terms of the season. If you are paying for one term, please make a single internet bank transfer.*
- *Subs should be paid in full by the end of the season - so please ensure that your monthly standing order payments complete the amount and stop in July and restart the following November when the new subscription rate is fixed.*

If any of these changes are unmanageable for you, please see Jane Parkin, Finance Officer, or Marianne Grayson, Membership Officer.'

Donations for sherry and mince pies at City Hall carol concert

Each year our Social Events Officer, Helen Kirk, organizes for a sherry and mince pies get together with Black Dyke, backstage at the City Hall, during the carol concert interval. At the next few rehearsals Helen and Richard Salt will be collecting donations to cover the cost. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a sumptuous Christmas hamper; these will be on sale until the day of the concert and the winning ticket drawn at the interval.

Helen asked that we thank those who helped with the practical aspects of the post-AGM social, which went very well. Everyone who contributed made it all run like clockwork. Many thanks!

Please sign up for carol singing – note new date

Please sign up for carol singing sessions - sheets will be available at rehearsals so please look at your diaries and volunteer if you can make any of the sessions, which are listed below.

- Saturday 10 December at 3.30pm in Meadowhall (Lower Gallery, outside Primark and Next). Carols for shoppers in support of the Roundabout charity, which provides housing for young homeless people in Sheffield – see <https://www.roundabouthomeless.org/>. Forty minutes of singing following (and followed by) other choirs, no need for concert dress, jolly Christmas garb is better. Conductor to be sorted.
- Sunday 11 December at 2pm: St Luke's carol service, Sheffield cathedral. Annual carol service that's always poignant and moving. Rehearsal beforehand in the cathedral (time to be confirmed). Full concert dress including scarves for ladies. Conductor Rachel Copley.
- Wednesday 14 December at 7pm in the Millennium Galleries, carol concert for Friends of Sheffield Museums annual Christmas event. Singing for about 45 minutes. Full concert dress including scarves for ladies. Rehearsal 6pm. Drinks and snacks provided. Conductor to be sorted.
- Monday 19 December in the Virgin Money Lounge at 12.30 for an hour or so. No need for concert dress – jolly Christmas garb is better. Conductor to be arranged.

Reminder - Christmas CDs only £5 – great presents!

Copies of our very popular 'Awake Arise' CD of carols with Black Dyke Band will be on sale at rehearsals, at the special price of £5. Correct change appreciated. Many thanks

Rail strikes

Rail strikes are planned for:

- Tuesday 13th December (rehearsal night)
- Wednesday 14th December (Millennium Galleries elective)
- Friday 16th December
- Saturday 17th December (City Hall Christmas carol concert).

For sale at rehearsals

Alto Rachel Rowlands will be selling her book of children's poems *You Can't Take a Camel on the Train* at the next 3 rehearsals. £5, all proceeds to charities, plus for each copy sold to Phil members before Christmas she will donate 50p to the Phil. For a preview, see [You can't take a camel on the train | A Book by Rachel Rowlands](#)

Reminder - Mahler 2 concert fundraising – plea for help

Paul Henstridge is currently representing us on the group that is organising fundraising to support the Mahler 2 concert in March but would like someone to take over if possible. The meetings are an hour long at most, not frequent, and are online so don't take much time. Would suit someone who has good ideas and a bit of organising capability. Please let Anne Adams know if you could help in this way, we would really appreciate it.

Each of the four organisations involved in the Mahler 2 have agreed to raise £250 towards the concert, so we will be organising a raffle in the New Year. Any raffle prizes would be appreciated – you might have unwanted gifts to spare by then!

Reminder - Classical concerts in Sheffield (attachment)

Classical Sheffield has listed all the festive concerts that members are putting on for Christmas, and it's a splendidly long list with lots of choice, so do have a look and share it with friends and family – it's attached. You might also share it via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=849268289700584&set=a.734344751192939> or Twitter <https://twitter.com/ClassicalSheff>

Reminder of new password

We've had a few security issues with the website recently so have had to change the password for the Members Area. The new password is **M4hler8D@rius22**. The username is still **member**. Please don't share these, for obvious reasons. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Darius organ recitals

Darius will play in St Anne's cathedral in Leeds on 19 December. For a list of recital dates see <http://www.dariusbattiwalla.com/concerts.html>

Diary dates (*dates in italics are voluntary electives; attendance expected at all others*)

Confirmed concert dates and details, including piano and tutti rehearsal dates, times and locations, are posted on the Chorus website as soon as they become available so that members can plan their activities, at [Members Area / Diary dates](#) (password details provided at the end of this and every weekly update).

- Saturday 17 Dec 2022: City Hall carol concert with Black Dyke Band, 2.30pm. SICS. Rehearsal probably from 12 noon to 1.30pm at the City Hall.
- Saturday 4 Feb 2023: Caroline Shaw's *Music in Common Time* with Manchester Camerata, 7pm City Hall. SICS (15 minute choral piece). Compulsory rehearsal probably from 2 to 4pm, to be confirmed.
- Sunday 19 Mar 2023 Mahler Symphony No. 2 City Hall with Hallam Choral Society, Hallam Sinfonia and Sheffield Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor George Morton, soprano Ella Taylor, mezzo Anna Harvey. Includes performance of the Young Composer Competition winning piece, and forms the finale of Classical Sheffield's 10th anniversary Festival Weekend. Self-funded. Rehearsal probably from 2pm to 5pm. To be confirmed.
- Sunday 18 Jun 2023: Verdi *Requiem* at City Hall with the Halle and Leeds Festival Chorus, 7pm. SICS. Compulsory rehearsal some time between 2pm and 5pm, to be confirmed.

What's On

See Classical Sheffield's What's On page for concerts around Sheffield in the next two weeks: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/events>

For up-coming Come and Sing opportunities in our region, see [Members Area / For information / Singing Opportunities](#)

Choraline rehearsal tracks

If you use [Choraline](#) to purchase rehearsal tracks, please note that we have a discount of 20% on standard prices. To claim this, use the code SHEFF and type 'SINGER' in the discount code on the basket page. If ordering by telephone, quote these when asked.

What to do if your contact details change

If any of your contact details change, including address, email or telephone number, please send a message to emailchange2019@sheffieldphil.org to ensure that your details are amended on the Membership database and that you continue to receive the weekly update.

Weekly updates, Chorus and Classical Sheffield websites and passwords

If ever you don't receive the weekly update, please contact Membership Officer Marianne Grayson or read it on the website at [Members Area / Weekly Updates](#). The user name is the word *member* and the password is *M4hler8D@rius22*; please don't share these.

The Members Area lists rehearsal details, rehearsal notes and links to recordings, concert and re-audition arrangements, as well as dates for the following season, our official stage procedure, Darius' rehearsal schedule, how to look after your voice etc. The website is available at <http://sheffieldphil.org> or via a Google search.

A reminder of the Classical Sheffield Member's Area: <https://classicalsheffield.org.uk/about> ; the password is *moremusic*.

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