

# BIRMINGHAM CHORAL UNION

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## General Information

**Membership** - Membership of the Choir is open to all. Visitors are welcome to attend two rehearsals, after which they may be asked to attend an informal audition. (This may also apply to former Members, returning after a long absence).

**Subscriptions** - The Annual Subscription is payable **in full by 30 October** each year, or in three amounts, payable **by 1 October, 1 January and 1 April**. Reduced and concessionary rates are available. Cash or cheques, payable to 'Birmingham Choral Union', should be given to the Treasurer (Paul O'Dell). Gift Aid details are also available.

**Music** - Music may be hired from the Librarian (Pam Cherry) and **must** be returned by the end of each concert, otherwise a 'fine' may be imposed. Black folders for concerts will be issued by and returned to Peter Regan.

**Concert Dress** (current) - **Men:** Black dinner suits, white shirts, black bow tie, black shoes  
**Women:** Coloured blouse, black skirt (both issued by Choir - see Membership Secretary), black shoes  
(Blouse and skirt remain the property of the Choir and should be returned when a Member leaves)

**Attendance** - Regular, frequent (75%) attendance is expected at rehearsals and 'signing in' is essential. (N.B. the two rehearsals and dress rehearsal prior to every concert are normally compulsory). The Membership Secretary (Marian Brevitt) welcomes advance apologies for absence and will assume a member has resigned if missing for six, unexplained, consecutive rehearsals.

**Concert Tickets** - Choir members are expected to make every effort to sell **at least** four tickets to every concert and unsold tickets are to be returned before a concert. The Chairman (Marian Dawes) will announce availability.

**Self Help / Tea Roster** - Tea / coffee (50p) is on sale in the interval and the helper roster is displayed next to the registers. Most weeks there is a raffle and on the first Monday of each month, there is usually a 'Bring & Buy' sale (details from Berry Wedgwood). There is a monthly draw in which you may participate. All donations and profits from 'self help' ventures are welcome! However, permission is required from the Committee before any fund raising may be done in the name of **Birmingham Choral Union**.

**Patrons** - Members are encouraged to invite Patrons, Sponsors and Advertisers to support the Choir. The Chairman (for Patrons & Sponsors) and The Secretary (Anne Nisar - for Advertisers) can supply details.

**Mailing List** - There is a Mailing List (to which you are encouraged to add names), which we contact with details of programmes and special offers. It is anticipated that this will eventually become known as 'Friends of Birmingham Choral Union'.

**A.G.M.** - The AGM is held on or about 1 October each year. Any member, in good standing, may volunteer or be nominated for Board of Trustees (Committee) positions. Any matters for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance. Thereafter, Committee meetings are held regularly.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice:     **Soprano / Contralto / Tenor / Bass**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s):

H: \_\_\_\_\_ W: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined Choir: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth Date (not Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly complete the above and return to Marian Brevitt, Choral / Membership Secretary.

The information is for Choir records only.

Added to address and e-mail list:           (Chairman's initials)           Date: