



The Singers Notes

June 2018

Hello Singers,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the 'term' and a big thank you for your patience while the music comes through in bits and pieces. A very big welcome to our new members, it is wonderful having you join us as part of the choir, lets please make them all feel welcome!

We have a big second half of the year with Cole Porter, a Last Night of the Proms and the joint concert with the Major Minors (as well as all our usual Christmas events). I appreciate any extra effort you can make to learn your pieces and that will make the performances even more enjoyable!

If you have any queries at any time about the current programme or future ones, please let me know.

~ Joanne

2018 Calendar Dates

Sat 7th July	Mid Winter Christmas Pot luck dinner *details enclosed*
Sat 11th Aug	Cole Porter concert Rehearsal —11am—4pm (Rathkeale, Masterton)
Sat 18th Aug	Joint Concert with the Wairarapa Singers (Rathkeale, Masterton)
Sun 26th Aug	Joint Concert with the Wairarapa Singers (Expressions, Upper Hutt)
Sun 9th Sept	Assisting Upper Hutt Brass Band.....details tba
Sat 13th Oct	Last Night of the Proms (2 concerts) with UH Brass Band, Expressions
Sun 25th November	Joint Concert with The Major Minors Children's Choir
December	9 Lessons and Carols, Wainuiomata
December	Silverstream Carols in the Park

Do you know? Our Newsletters are posted on our website once they've been sent out—if you ever lose one, forget a date, what to wear or a vitally important piece of information—then you'll find a copy on our website:

www.huttvalleysingers.org.nz





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Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner

We had such a fantastic time at last years dinner that we're doing it again—change of venue this time but just as much fun!

Date: Saturday 7th July 2018, 5.30pm

Time: 5pm onwards

Location: Discussed at rehearsal

Who?: Choir members and Husbands/Wives/Partners :)

What to bring? - we will have a sign up sheet at choir for the next two Mondays so we know how many people are coming and so you can let us know what you're bringing. Please spread the love around (even though we all love dessert.....)

Feel free to dress up festively—we look forward to seeing you there!

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Cossie Club for their very generous funding of our wonderful choir bags—they are gorgeous and super helpful to keep all our music safe and in one place.



Learning Tracks

Learning tracks for individual parts will be available soon for all our Cole Porter songs. We would like to strongly recommend that you use these to help us learn these pieces to the best of our ability! A big thanks to Andrew, the MD of Wairarapa Singers for putting these together for us.

Last Night of the Proms

In October we are performing a 'Last Night of the Proms' with the Upper Hutt Brass Band and Jade Eru. The uniform will be our usual blacks, but with a red/white/blue 'accessory'. Nice early warning so you can hold onto anything or if you see a cheap item to use for the concert. Thank you!

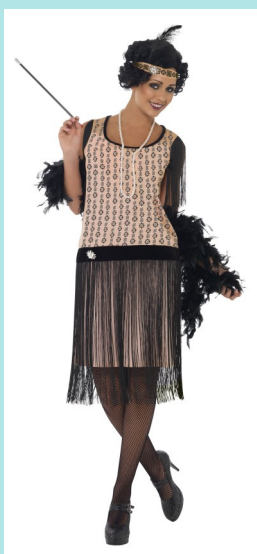


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Costumes!

Our Cole Porter concert is going to be in costume to add to the fun. We are open to outfits from the 1920s/1930s so there should be something for everyone. This is an early warning so you have heaps of time.

You do not need to go super fancy or expensive, use your imagination, the \$2 shop will have feather boas, beads etc and places like Pete's Emporium and Savemart. Get together with a few choir members and join forces if you like to find something that works—please feel free to consult with Joanne or Stacey if you have any queries. Just some of many examples below—google gives you heaps more!



Also Google 'easy tips for 1920's costume—plenty of ideas, for example:

<https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/easy-1920s-costume/>

If you have other tips, clothing, accessories you can share then please let us know!





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FEES

Second term payments of \$60 are now overdue if you have not paid already. Can you please see Paul if you have any queries or are unsure.

How long is a Choir Term?

We base our 'terms' on the three main concerts we have in a year. Our term goes from our first rehearsal to the 1st concert, then starts at the next rehearsal to the 2nd concert.....and so on!

Sing with Friends!

We are always thinking of new ways to attract people to the choir, if you have friends who may like to join do we have a little offer for you.....

Invite a friend to choir, once they have stayed for three consecutive concerts then we'll give you both two free adult tickets to a future Hutt Valley Singers concert of your choice. Please let Paul know if you have bought a friend to choir!

Life Members

This is a little section to acknowledge our current life members.

Gail Picard
Margaret Parker

Gillian Murgatroyd
Martin Haua

Don McLeod
Ruth Mackinder

Anne Milburn
Lindy Brown

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