



Welcome to Sing The World



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Who are we?

Sing The World is a Newbury-based community choir or singing group. We have been singing *a capella* harmony songs together for over a decade, enjoying music from all world traditions including African, eastern European, British folk, gospel and spirituals, rock and popular music and original modern harmony compositions and arrangements.

Our group has been led since 2010 by Natural Voice Practitioners Becca Flintham and Tessa Hall. As members of the Natural Voice Practitioners Network, Becca and Tessa mostly teach songs by ear, so there is no need for singers to be able to read music. There are no auditions either – all you need to join us is a desire to sing with others! The emphasis in Sing The World is on enjoyment and participation, coupled with looking after and giving expression to our voices in all their diversity.

When and where do we meet to sing?

Sing The World meets weekly in term time on Monday evenings between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, at Speen Parish Hall, just off the A4 (Bath Road) on the western side of Newbury. (Full address: Speen Parish Hall, Speen Lane, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1RJ). Our term dates broadly coincide with school terms, i.e. we have three terms a year, short breaks at Christmas and Easter and a longer break over August. For full details of our current term dates, see our website (www.letssingtheworld.org.uk). NB if you don't wish to perform, it's absolutely fine just to come to our weekly Sing The World sessions and enjoy sharing singing within our group, without an audience!

Our session costs and how to pay:

Sing The World members currently pay £5.00 per evening session, with a discount for those members who pay for the whole term up front. We also offer a free first 'taster session' to new members. Sing The World members who pay up front for the term also receive discounted rates for our weekend singing workshops (see overleaf).

We can accept cash or cheque payments, or for those who wish to pay online our bank account details are as follows:

Bank: HSBC

Account name: Sing The World

Sort code: 40-34-12

Account number: 11521810

If you make an online payment, please include your name and a payment reference (e.g. 'STW autumn term 2016'), so that we know what your payment is for.

Weekend singing workshops and other events:

As part of Sing The World's aims to support and promote people coming together to enjoy *a capella* harmony singing, we organize weekend singing workshops every few months throughout the year, usually on a Saturday. These workshops are led by Becca, Tessa and guest singing leaders invited from across the UK.

Full details of all our upcoming workshops can be found on our website. Also if you are happy to give us your email contact address we can add you to our workshops information emailing list, and we will regularly update you about our singing events: contact us at singingtheworld@gmail.com to ask to be added to this list.

Sing The World performance choir: Wacapella

Sing The World is a community choir for everyone who enjoys singing with others: we are not a performance choir as such. However, there are occasional opportunities for those singers in our group who would like to perform to do so, with our performance group **Wacapella**. Wacapella has performed at Newbury CultureFest, Newbury Unplugged (Ace Space), "1000 Voices" winter singing festival, the Mayor's Fringe Festival and the Berkshire Giant Festival. NB: if you don't wish to perform, it's absolutely fine just to come along to our weekly Sing The World sessions and enjoy sharing singing within our group, without an audience!

Getting involved and staying in contact

If you'd like to try our group out, do come along to our sessions, we'd love to see you! There is no requirement for 100% attendance: we recognize that many of us lead busy lives, and sometimes other things have to be prioritized over singing... Although we do find that most of our members come to the majority of sessions during the term!

If regular attendance is difficult for you, please feel free to come along to our Monday evenings whenever you can, and to our weekend singing workshops. If you have come in the past but not for a while, we're always glad to see returning members... as well as new ones! And if you have any queries about singing with us (including health issues or accessibility), please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by email or telephone.

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