

There are vacancies for singers to join our friendly Chamber Choir.

We are looking for experienced singers wanting to sing in a small choir.

Newstead Abbey Singers was founded in the 1960s and are a friendly, close knit group of people from all over Nottinghamshire. We sing a varied repertoire of mainly a capella music in a variety of styles.

Details of recent repertoire can be found at www.newsteadabbeyingers.org.uk

Current members live in South, East and North Nottinghamshire and North Leicestershire.

Rehearsals on Friday evenings

(7:45-9:30) at:

The Woodborough Institute

Roe Lane, Woodborough, NG14 6DT

Each rehearsal ends with refreshment and fellowship (when permitted)

"I am absolutely delighted [to be a member] it's one of the best things I did for singing"

"Take your vocal chords for a run"



"The variety of music we sing is great for a small ensemble."

"Friday night is Newstead Night."

"..sing a sacred and secular repertoire spanning 500 years , with a friendly group.."

Newstead Abbey Singers are directed by Nicholas Thorpe:

an experienced, well trained member of the Association of British Choral Directors.

Interested?

Contact us through our website:-

newsteadabbeyingers.org.uk or 07976 714408 to arrange a taster rehearsal and meet the choir.

An annual subscription covers conductor's honorarium, venue hire, music and running costs.

Newstead Abbey Singers

A group of friends got together to sing carols in houses around Ravenshead in the 1960s. After a few years they were invited to sing their carols in the cloisters of Newstead Abbey. They wanted to meet more regularly throughout the year so Newstead Abbey Singers was formed. Since then they have sung concerts all over the East Midlands and beyond, including Germany and Menorca, gaining a reputation for varied programmes performed well.

There has been a Newstead Abbey Singers Christmas concert every year (except for 2020, when the pandemic intervened). It has not always been in Newstead Abbey; moving to Wollaton Hall and other venues before moving back to Newstead Abbey in 2017.

Other concerts are given by invitation, usually in village churches and halls to raise money for local causes. We sing mainly unaccompanied music of many different periods and styles. Compositions and arrangements by local composers and friends are a central part of our mission.

Traditionally, Newstead Abbey Singers met in members' houses but in recent times that has become impractical. We now meet in The Woodborough Institute with its good acoustic and comfortable facilities. When permitted we end each rehearsal with refreshment and fellowship. Singers quickly become friends and the social bond between members enables us to celebrate together and support each other in times of need.

Nicholas Thorpe has been involved in choirs since the age of 8. He was a chorister and Lay Clerk in Southwell Minster Choir and has sung in several secular small groups. He is also conductor of Southwell Choral Society. As an active member of the Association of British Choral Directors he has attended over 100 training sessions led by renowned international directors. Newstead Abbey Singers tolerate his compositions and arrangements.

"I thought their repertoire would make a satisfying change40 + years later, it still does!"

Newstead Abbey Singers enjoy singing good music well. Our singers love the challenge of developing high quality vocal and ensemble skills.

A Newstead Abbey Singer can "hold a tune", is friendly, has a sense of humour, is prepared to "have a go" and make and learn from mistakes.

All our singers can follow music but good sight reading is not a requirement - we rehearse thoroughly before each concert.