



Rivarate - The Caversham Choir

An introduction for prospective members

Rivarate is a mixed, all-ages, community choir formed in Caversham in 2008.

It is a secular choir, which includes in its repertoire modern and traditional songs and familiar, sacred pieces. The choir rehearses in Caversham Heights Methodist Church between 7.30pm and 9.00pm on Tuesday evenings during term time.

There is no formal audition for entry but members must satisfy the Musical Director that they are learning to sing in harmony and can maintain their part.

New members are accepted on a probationary basis for their first full term and are expected to demonstrate commitment by regular attendance at rehearsals and by taking part in concerts.

The choir aims to be:-

- An inclusive, choral group for anyone who wants to develop their singing skills.
- A setting where members can experience the physical and mental health benefits of singing in a group.
- A place where members can familiarise themselves with musical notation and learn how to follow a musical score.
- Of sufficient standard to be able to perform in concert, with confidence, before a paying audience.

Membership fees are paid each term and are determined by the number of weeks in the term. All members are requested to pay their fees to the Treasurer at the beginning of each term. The current fee is £6 per week. Full-time, accredited, students are admitted to the choir free of charge.

All sheet music issued to members is the property of the choir and should be looked after and returned to the librarian on request. A replacement fee will be levied for any lost or damaged sheet music.

The choir is run by a committee, composed of members who stand for election at the Annual General Meeting in the autumn term.