

ALL FOLK WELCOME

Welcome to All Folk Welcome, a new community choir in Sevenoaks with a folky twist. We are a non-auditioning choir and welcome anyone who wishes to have a blast and meet some new people, whatever your ability level. Toby Hunt and Helena Day wish to share with you traditional and contemporary folk songs in a fun and relaxed environment with no need to read sheet music as everything will be taught by ear using the traditional oral/aural method of ages past.

What songs will we sing?

As most folk songs are passed down from generation to generation, we embrace anything we feel fits the bill. We are not a rock or soul choir and don't sing heavily religious choral music, but if you fancy trying anything from rounds and chants to seasonal songs of the British Isles, American ditties, Gospel and Bob Dylan to drinking songs (and probably a few sea shanties), works by contemporary folk artists, folk songs from cultures and countries across the globe and everything in between, then come along and join us!

Do we have to perform in public?

Beginning our journey as a new choir, Helena and Toby have set up All Folk Welcome to function as a non-performative group at first. Sessions are geared towards community and joyful singing in harmony without the worry of instantly preparing for concerts! As the choir develops and grows, however, we are keen to encourage those who wish to perform to work towards sharing songs in public.

What will a session include?

We always start with gentle physical and vocal warm ups before easing into some short, simple songs to help us find our rhythm and flow. We try to follow the seasons and cultural events and so these will usually fit in with the time of year we are singing. We will then move on to something more substantial before taking a short tea break. The evening will finish with recapping what we have learnt and performing as a group for each other.

When and where will sessions be held?

All Folk Welcome rehearses twice a month on a Wednesday at the Vine Baptist Church, Sevenoaks, Park Lane, TN13 3UP, 7.30-9.30pm. Free on road parking is available outside the church and the surrounding streets and it is a 15 minute walk from Sevenoaks rail station. Dates for the autumn term are below.

How much will it cost?

Standard investment is £10 per session. For the first autumn term we are offering a 'drop in' scheme, and so no termly fees will be introduced yet. You can either bring £10 cash to the session or arrange a bank transfer with us.

Autumn Term Dates

September - 23rd

October - 7th and 21st

November - 11th and 25th

December - 2nd and 9th