

## Cornwall County Choirs Annual Auditions Summer 2017

**Come and sing with us!**



**May 2017**

### **Dear Colleagues and Parents**

The Cornwall Music Education Hub's County Choirs will be auditioning once again this term for prospective new singers to join our thriving team!

This has been an exciting year of performances, with the choirs performing in the 'Songfest Schools' Gala Concerts' at the Hall for Cornwall, as a guest choir for Aled Jones, the Royal Albert Hall as part of the BBC Ten Pieces Proms. They have also performed some amazing pieces with the Cornwall Youth Orchestra in their annual Easter concert at Truro Cathedral. We have also, for the first time, made our own Christmas single with all the proceeds going to Little Harbour South West.

Our Cornwall County Youth Choir, established in April 2016 for singers in Year 9 and above, will soon be performing at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Proms Youth Chorus on the opening night of the Proms, which will be shown live on BBC television on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, followed by a concert at the HFC as a guest choir for male vocal group, *Blake* in July 2017.

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**Do you have children in your school or a child who is interested in joining us from September 2017?**

**We run two choirs for Key Stage 2 and lower Key Stage 3 singers and one choir for singers in year 9 and above:**

- **Cornwall Boys' Choir (CBC)** for boys with un-changed treble voice, in academic Year 4 through to changing voice
- **Cornwall Girls' Choir (CGC)** for girls singing in academic Year 5 upwards to the end of Year 8
- **Cornwall County Youth Choir (CCYC)** for students in Year 9 and above (male and female singers)

All Cornwall County Boys and Girls Choirs (CBC & CGC) are managed and organised into what we call **Local Regional Rehearsal Groups** which are located across Cornwall. These groups meet after school during the week, term time only, for one hour.

*We endeavour to make being part of the choirs as easy as possible as we understand how busy it can be for parents juggling life and work schedules.*

**Full choir rehearsals** are the exciting occasions when all local rehearsal groups come together. In addition, the Cornwall County Youth Choir rehearses once a month for a whole day in Truro, based at Truro High School for Girls. These are socially important and enable the children to make new friends. Rehearsals take place at Truro High School for Girls, once a month, on Saturday afternoons.

We hold an annual County Choirs Christmas Concert and perform in the Cornwall Music Education Hub (CMEH) Songfest Schools Gala concerts which take place in the spring term. We also hold a showcase event in the summer term, offering families to give the opportunity to see what their child has learnt throughout the year. The CBC also participates in the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival with whom we have a long standing and important relationship.

*We occasionally receive offers to perform in unexpected prestigious invitations, sometimes at short notice, so they may not always appear in our yearly plans.*

## **Membership Fees:**

Cornwall Boys' and Girls' Choirs - Annual membership fee is £80 for the full academic year.

Cornwall County Youth Choir - Annual membership fee is £100 for the full academic year.

**Please note that membership fees are payable at the start of the year and are non-refundable. We offer subsidised fees for children eligible for Free School Meals (not including infant universal entitlement), Children in Care and Children of serving Armed Forces**



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## Meet the County Choir Team who works with our Choirs!

We have a great team of experienced and devoted County Choir staff who run the local regional rehearsal groups as well as an amazing team of voice specialists, or choir mentors who work with the older singers in Cornwall County Youth Choir.

They also attend the mass choir rehearsals, based in Truro, and so the singers get to know them all really well.

*All our staff are enhanced DBS checked to look after and care for your children in rehearsals.*

## Meet the Team!

- **Angela Renshaw:** Director of Cornwall County Choirs. Angela also leads the Truro CBC and CGC groups. In addition Angela is the CMEH Vocal Strategy Lead.
- **Shelley Jeffery:** Assistant Director of CCYC and Child Welfare Officer. Shelley is the Alto Mentor for Cornwall County Youth Choir and also the Launceston CGC group leader
- **Sarah Dowse:** Cornwall County Choirs Administrator - [sdowseccc@gmail.com](mailto:sdowseccc@gmail.com)  
Sarah is the **point of contact for all new and current singers** and is the Choir Librarian.
- **Alison Harvey:** Cornwall Girls' Choir Leader and leads the St Austell CGC
- **Barry Hawken:** Cornwall Boys' Choir Leader and leads The Clays CGC and CBC groups
- **Matt Douglas:** Joint choir leader for St Austell CGC and one of choir leaders for Cornwall County Youth Choir. Also a well-known local musician and composer, arranges and composes new works for the choirs
- **Lindsay Eddy:** Leader of the West Cornwall CBC and CBC groups based in Penzance and develops our very young singers
- **Julia Knight-Bennett:** Leader of Choirs based in Helston and the Lizard and as well is a composer and arranger of music for the choirs
- **Andy Farris:** Leader of choirs in East Cornwall and Tenor Mentor for Cornwall County Youth Choir
- **Lizzie Hobbs:** Leader of choirs in Bude
- **Fiona Hooper:** Pastoral Staff and Assistant Leader for Truro CGC and CBC choirs
- **Anita Boxall:** Parent Volunteer helper of CGC and CBC

## Cornwall County Youth Choir Mentors

We are so lucky to have as part of our team, four professional vocal mentors who work mainly with our CCYC. The mentors also carry out engagement work with the younger choirs when required

- **Caroline Childe:** Soprano mentor for CCYC
- **Shelley Jeffery:** Alto mentor for CCYC
- **Andy Farris:** Tenor mentor for CCYC
- **Darren Jeffery:** Baritone mentor for CCYC. **Jonathan Lewsey** is our second Baritone mentor who works with singers on the occasions when Darren has professional engagements abroad.

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## Local Regional Rehearsal Groups – CBC and CGC

These take place, on average, twice monthly and currently operate in the following parts of the county and in the following locations:

### 1. West Cornwall

- West Cornwall Cornwall Boys' Choir, rehearse at Alverton Primary School with **Lindsay Eddy**
  - West Cornwall Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at Mounts Bay Academy with **Lindsay Eddy**
- Contact: [leddyccc@gmail.com](mailto:leddyccc@gmail.com)

### 2. Helston and the Lizard

- Helston and the Lizard Cornwall Boys' Choir, rehearse at Helston College with **Julia Knight-Bennett**
  - Helston and the Lizard Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at Helston College with **Julia Knight-Bennett**
- Contact: [jkbccc@gmail.com](mailto:jkbccc@gmail.com)

### 3. Truro and Mid-Cornwall

- Truro and Mid-Cornwall Cornwall Boys' Choir, rehearse at Tregolls Academy Truro with **Angela Renshaw**
  - Truro and Mid-Cornwall Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at Tregolls Academy Truro with **Angela Renshaw**
- Contact: [arensawccc@gmail.com](mailto:arensawccc@gmail.com)

### 4. St Austell , Lostwithiel, Bodmin & Wadebridge

- St Austell Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at St Mewan Primary, St Austell with Alison Harvey & Matt Douglas
- Contact: [aharveyccc@gmail.com](mailto:aharveyccc@gmail.com) [mdouglasccc@gmail.com](mailto:mdouglasccc@gmail.com)

*NB: this group operates solely as a CGC group. All Cornwall Boys Choir singers from the above locations rehearse in the St Dennis CBC group with Barry Hawken.*

### 5. The Clays, Indian Queens, St Columb Major and St Columb Minor.

- The Clays Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at St Dennis Working Men's Club with Barry Hawken
  - The Clays Cornwall Boys' Choir, rehearse at St Dennis Working Men's Club with Barry Hawken
- Contact: [bhawkenccc@gmail.com](mailto:bhawkenccc@gmail.com)

*NB: this is the sole Cornwall Boys Choir group operating in St Austell and North Cornwall areas*

### 6. Launceston and Callington

- Launceston and Callington Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at Launceston College with Shelley Jeffery
- Contact: [sjefferyccc@gmail.com](mailto:sjefferyccc@gmail.com)

*NB: this group operates as a combined CGC /CBC group*

### 7. Camelford

- Camelford Cornwall Girls' Choir, rehearse at Camelford Primary School. Staff TBA.
- Contact: TBC *NB: this group operates as a combined CGC /CBC group*

*NB: Rehearsal times, dates, venue and staff will appear on the CMEH website:*

<http://cornwallmusiceducationhub.org/>

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## NEW for September 2017!

### 8. Bude and North Cornwall

- Cornwall Girls' and Boys' Choir will be setting up a brand new local rehearsal group based in Bude. The group will be managed and run by Lizzie Hobbs. Details to follow!  
Contact: [lhobbsccc@gmail.com](mailto:lhobbsccc@gmail.com)

*NB: this group will initially operate as a combined CGC/CBC group*

## NEW for September 2017!

### 9. Liskeard and East Cornwall

Cornwall Girls' and Boys' Choir will be setting up a brand new local rehearsal group based in East Cornwall. The choir will be managed and run by Andy Farris. Details to follow!  
Contact: [afarrisccc@gmail.com](mailto:afarrisccc@gmail.com)

*NB: this group will initially operate as a combined CGC/CBC group*

**During the summer 2017 term we are beginning the auditioning process, therefore we are seeking singers to join:**

- **Boys!** to join Cornwall Boys' Choir who are currently in academic **Year 3, 4, 5, 6**, who will be going into Year 4 and above from September 2017, *singing in unchanged, treble voice.*
- **Girls!** to join Cornwall Girls' Choir who are currently in academic **Year 4, 5, 6, 7**, who will be going into Years 5, 6, 7 or 8 from September 2017.

## Parents and teachers!

Please check the Cornwall County Choirs termly rehearsal dates which are posted on the Cornwall Music Education Hub website, listed under 'Ensembles':

<http://cornwallmusiceducationhub.org/ensembles-choirs/cmeh-county-choirs/>

# Cornwall Music Education Hub

## Sing with Us!

Joining the **CGC** and **CBC** will enable you to sing with other keen singers from around Cornwall and the opportunity performing in some great locations across the county and country, and make many new friends. It could change your life!

You will receive great tuition from our team of vocal specialists and will benefit from our ongoing strong links with the **National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB)**. Many of our singers sing with NYCGB during the Easter and summer holidays.

Entry to all Cornwall County Choirs is through a simple **audition process** lasting approximately 10 minutes where we ask each child to sing a short song of their own choosing and to respond to a few simple listening/vocal assessment tests. *We are looking to discover vocal ability as well as vocal potential and a desire to improve, so these tests should not cause any worry. An ability to read music is **not** necessary.*

<b>Each child prepares to sing a short song</b>	Sung unaccompanied or accompanied	Pupils own choice of song
<b>Vocal Assessment</b>	You will be asked to demonstrate your vocal range and tone through simple exercises	This allows us to find out more about your vocal starting point

## So! This sounds great! I am interested, what do I do next?

We will be visiting schools over the next few weeks which will enable us to listen to as many potential singers as possible.

We would be very grateful if **schools could distribute this information, or even display pages 1-6 in school and make copies of the form on the final page 7 to hand out to all interested parents and/or pupils?**

Please could all interested singers hand the form back to us during our workshop visits so that we are able to directly contact you.

## Cornwall County Choirs 2017-2018

We will be visiting your child's school soon as part of the Cornwall Music Education Hub's Vocal Outreach and Engagement Programme for summer 2017.

As part of these workshops, we like to hear any interested singers who would like to join one of the Cornwall County Choirs.

We will then listen to your child sing either as part of the workshop or after the workshop, in school during the school day.

If you wish to find out more, and your child is keen to audition to sing in one of the Cornwall County Choirs, parents should complete the form and pass on to the classroom teacher who is organising the Schools Engagement Workshops and they will arrange that your child is part of the workshop.

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I am interesting in singing with the Cornwall County Choirs and would like to find out more please!

Pupil's Name:	
School:	Current Year group in School:
I would like my child to audition for Cornwall Girls' Choir/ Cornwall Boys' Choir in the forthcoming Schools Engagement Workshops:	
Parent/ Carer name: .....	
Signed: .....	Date: .....

For further details regarding the Cornwall County Choirs and information regarding fees and our subsidies please go to:

<http://cornwallmusiceducationhub.org/ensembles-choirs/cmeh-county-choirs/>

