



# Welcome to the Courthouse Choir

## A big welcome to all new members

Welcome to our singing group. Its great that you have come along, and we hope that you will enjoy singing with us. We are a group of people who enjoy singing and want to develop our voices using Natural Voice techniques. We welcome all voices, from absolute beginners to experienced singers. We learn songs from folk traditions around the world, in their original languages, as well as new ones, and work on releasing our natural voices. The only requirement for joining us is that you want to enjoy singing! We are not a primarily a “performance choir” but we do occasionally perform.

The group is run by Dave and Liz Stewart (Sing Out). Dave is a Natural Voice Practitioner and experienced teacher. He will teach songs by ear, with no musical knowledge required, although if you have some, great! As well as being the tutor, his aim is to help provide a learning environment where everyone feels comfortable and relaxed. If there is anything which you do not not feel happy about please tell him. Please remember, if there is anything you don't understand or have difficulty joining in with at a level comfortable for you, IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT

A typical afternoon is:

1.20 pm - people start arriving, helping to put out chairs, ready to start at:

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2.30-ish - Tea break. Please give £1 if you use the trolley (including hot water). Notices.

3.30 pm - finish and put chairs away

Where possible we aim to sing without any written words, but for longer songs words are downloadable from our website, or supplied on A4 paper. Please keep these organised in a folder. (Please supply your own)

We have a Sing Out website, where there is a diary of our singing dates and photos, and lots more! Its really useful, so take a look and bookmark it!

Subscriptions are paid:

- by standing order of £20 per month - preferred as it keeps the cost down & is easy. Please ask Liz for details
- By pre-payment of 5 (£55) or 10 (£100) sessions