

## Staffordshire Masonic Choir

The Staffordshire Masonic Choir has now been going strong for Twenty Years! It has presented its works in many places, and in many forms: Masonic and non-Masonic, Sacred and Secular, Serious and Frivolous. In and around the Province and sometimes outside, according to requests and opportunities.

Almost inevitably it is a male-voice choir, made up of Tenors and Basses. Its present strength is about 20 singers, but it is always happy to take on more. All are members of the Craft. If you fit this profile, you might like to get in touch – the Secretary will be more than happy to give further details.

Not all members read music to a high level: the most important aspect of it all is to be happy and communicate happiness – and where have we heard that before? Present members come from, among other places, Kidsgrove and Tamworth, Wolverhampton and Burton, and form as fraternal a mix found in any lodge, all cemented by an appreciation of music.

It meets for rehearsals once every month, at the Masonic Hall in Stafford. These start at 9.30, so as not to interfere with (most) lodge meetings and go on for an hour-and-a-half. Performances happen where and when they're wanted: to entertain in a lodge or at the Festive Board, at Carol Concerts and sing-alongs, or at the Provincial Service in Lichfield. As varied as you might expect. It has had three Musical Directors in its lifetime so far – Eric Bennett (now in Gloucestershire), Ian Wass (now in Cornwall) and Dudley Ray (still somewhere in Staffordshire).

It has a page in the Staffordshire Masonic Calendar, with formal details, but if you want to know more before looking at that, please ask the Secretary. He's David Leigh and he can be contacted through the Provincial Office.

