

## **PRESS INFORMATION**



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### **REACHING OUT TO SINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE - WESSEX MALE CHOIR HOSTS ITS FIRST OPEN EVENING**

- **Faringdon Junior School, Tuesday 16 September, 7.15pm**

Swindon's Wessex Male Choir is hosting a series of open evenings, the first of which will be held at Faringdon Junior School.

Residents of Faringdon will be given their first opportunity to see and hear this award-winning choir perform and rehearse in the community.

There will be no charge and all are welcome.

The aim is to promote awareness of the choir's qualities and achievements, with the hope that invitations to engage in local activities and events may follow - to the mutual benefit of choir and community. In addition, men who are interested in singing are encouraged to come along, meet members of the choir and participate in rehearsing some pieces if they wish.

Tenor Grahame Jones says, "We recognise that many men may have thought about joining a choir in the past but not had the opportunity or had been put off by a requirement to read music. This event will give potential members the chance to see what is involved and experience the pleasure of singing with others. No commitment is necessary - all that's needed is an enjoyment in singing!"

A short concert will be given by the choir during the first half of the evening; this will be followed by a typical rehearsal. The evening will end about 9:30pm.

Wessex Male Choir has a history of charitable support and is also keen to establish new contacts with worthy causes in the local community. Wessex Male Choir has helped various charities in the Swindon area and also supports national charities such as the Parkinson's Disease Society and the Alzheimer's Society.

For further details about the open evening please contact Robert Elliott, musical director on Tel: 07710 197789.

The choir rehearses in Swindon on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 - 9:30pm and anyone interested in joining should contact membership secretary, Andy Marshall on Tel: 01793 704913 / 07710197789 or by e-mail at [membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk](mailto:membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk)

### **Wessex Male Choir**

Wessex Male Choir was founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001, and has over 50 members. The choir has a reputation for its professionalism, entertaining and varied repertoire, and charity support.

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### ***Notes to editors***

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