

South Downs Folk Singers

Christ Church

Tuesday 9th April 2024



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The “South Downs Folk Singers” (SDFS) began life following a Heritage Lottery Funded project in partnership with the South Downs Society, about the heritage and songs of the South Downs. This finished in 2013 and the SDFS was formed to continue singing together, since when we have added songs, harmonies and singers.

For those who don't know us, the SDFS is not a formal choir but a joyful group who sing traditional South Downs songs unaccompanied, as they may very well have been sung in homes, places of work and recreation in the past.

We enjoy learning and singing songs together at our local meetings, and since 2013 some of us have sung in groups at public events. In keeping with our own origins, these occasions have usually been at charitable, educational or community events.

We are particularly happy to be singing in Christ Church as the last time that some of us appeared here was for the Community Play written and directed by Worthing's very special historian Chris Hare and his wife, Anne Feloy. It was Chris, who set up workshops to encourage all those interested, to learn about the local history of Sussex and with Anne and Emily Longhurst we learned many of the songs. At the end of the 6 months sessions, we couldn't believe that that was the end and wanting very much to continue singing, we came together over 10 years ago and like our beloved South Downs, we are blooming!

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We now have three local groups, each meeting monthly to sing in Chichester, Lewes and Worthing at the following venues:

WORTHING: First Thursday evening of every month,

7.15 for 7.30 until 9.30pm.

The Barn,
English Martyrs Church,
Goring Way,
Goring-by-Sea,
West Sussex,
BN12 4UE

CHICHESTER: 3rd Thursday evening of every month,

7.30 for 8.00 pm until 10.00 pm.

The Chichester Inn,
38 West Street,
Chichester,
West Sussex,
PO19 1RP.

LEWES: Third Monday evening of every month,

7.30 till 10.00 pm

The Kings Head, 9 Southover
High Street,
Lewes,
East Sussex,
BN7 1HS.

For today's programme, see over the page!

Programme

1st Set:

1. COUNTRY LIFE
2. ON SUSSEX HILLS
3. THE NIGHTINGALE
4. OAK & ASH & THORN
5. GREEN GROW THE LAUREL
6. HARD TIMES OF OLD ENGLAND
7. SMUGGLER'S SONG
8. PLEASANT & DELIGHTFUL

Musical interlude with Alan, Keith and Anne

2nd Set:

1. WEST SUSSEX DRINKING SONG
2. LIFE OF A MAN
3. BEE BOY'S SONG
4. DANCING AT WHITSUN
5. WHEN SPRING COMES IN
6. ROSEBUDS IN JUNE
7. THE MAGPIE
8. THOUSANDS OR MORE