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Geoff Lavery, our current musical director, will be stepping down in June 2021 after a tenure of 10 years. Gippeswyk Singers is a chamber choir of approximately 40 singers which was originally founded by Geoff in 1972 with the aim of raising money for local charities with the profits from their concerts. (He left after the initial 10 years to pursue his musical career and then returned to Suffolk upon retirement.) Geoff has taken the choir from strength to strength with tireless energy and enthusiasm and was to finish with a flourish - a final concert in May 2021 at Snape Maltings Concert Hall. Sadly, the Covid 19 virus has prevented this from going ahead next year. The choir has continued to keep in touch with zoom meetings and emails, and hope to be able to start rehearsals again (with safety measures in place) in 2021.

We enjoy singing a wide range of music from classical to modern, both a cappella and accompanied, and occasionally larger choral works with professional soloists and orchestral accompaniment.

The choir performs several local concerts each year and the occasional wedding as well as touring every second summer with successful concert tours to Holland (2014), Yorkshire (2016), The West Country (2018) with a further tour planned to Elgar Country in Gloucestershire in the future.

The choir tours have been hugely popular with the Singers. Travelling, sharing meals, and sightseeing as well as the joy of singing together has created warmth and lasting friendships amongst the group and helped form a wonderfully friendly and cohesive choir.

Performances just get better and better!

Gippeswyk Singers has also performed to sellout audiences at Snape Maltings Concert Hall where they joined forces with two other Suffolk choirs (Beccles Choral Society and Phoenix Singers) and Lambeth Orchestra from London for Elgar's Dream of Gerontius (2017) and Verdi's Requiem (2019), both conducted by Geoff Lavery.

We're hoping to attract an experienced and enthusiastic new conductor to lead us into the future and many more years of successful singing.

Applications can be downloaded from our website – www.gippeswyksingers.co.uk