Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Singers – who is it for?
We're looking for men like YOU who would like to get involved in group singing, meet a fantastic bunch of new people and have some fun while raising money for a great cause. Plus – of course – there are the well documented physical and emotional benefits of group singing, which is proved to improve wellbeing in all sorts of ways.

But I have never sung – can I come?
Yes, absolutely…helping people discover their voice is what the project is all about. Our music team are very experienced at leading singers who have never sung before and/or who can't read music.

So, is it only for beginners, then?
We welcome experienced singers and beginners alike. Whatever your musical ability, you are very welcome. And if you have some experience, that's great.

Do I have to be able to read music?
No, there is no expectation that you can read music. Our music team are used to working with people who sing by ear and by listening.

I have always been told that I can't sing and that I am "tone deaf" can you help me to sing?
There are very few people who are unable to sing. Our expert music team and mentors will work with you to get the best out of you.

Will I have to audition for the project?
You will be invited along to one of our sign up/voice assignment evenings. Here you will have a short individual session with one of our music team in a small private room where your voice will be checked to see your range and where you will best fit into the project choir. This will be one of four parts from Tenor 1 at the higher end to Bass at the lower end.

Will I be expected to sing on my own in front of others?
You will not be expected to sing on your own. You will sing as part of the project choir amongst other men with a similar voice range.

This is a choir, right?
The word 'choir' conjures up all sorts of pictures, most of which are inaccurate. But yes, Men Raise Your Voice for Alzheimer's will be a group of men singing together which – by definition – is a choir, but not as you know it!

What is a male voice choir?
Like a mixed voice choir, a male voice choir sings in four parts, but using only men's voices. The parts are, from highest to lowest: Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1 (we often call that Baritone) and Bass 2.

How will I learn the songs in such a short space of time.

You will have expert guidance from the music team and be provided with practice tracks loaded onto a music platform called ChoirMate. You will have the words and music and you will be able to sing along to the tracks wherever you are. All we ask is that you try and practice for a few minutes each day to consolidate your learning at rehearsals.

Will there be a set amount I am expected to raise for Alzheimer's Society?
There is no set amount that you will be expected to raise. We would hope that you will bshirt with their logo on, provided by the charity, with dark trousers. The t-shirts will be big enough that you can put another layer on under if you want!

I've not been to Radcliffe on Trent before. How do I get there?
Radcliffe is close to Nottingham and West Bridgford and towns and villages to the east of the city. There's a Mainline bus between Bingham and Nottingham via West Bridgford every 20 minutes in the evening that goes through Radcliffe, and other public transport such as the Rushcliffe Villager bus passes through. By car, it's just off the A52 between Nottingham and Grantham. There is free parking at the practice venue.

What will the concert be like?
Southwell Minster is a fabulous venue to sing in. While it is a significant religious building, it hosts many concerts and shows each year. The Minster can seat around 600 people, and we will be aiming to fill it. You will be part of the choir who will be providing the music on the night. There are some pictures of our last project choir on the website. It will be challenging, exciting and above all else fun.

If you have any other questions, please get in touch

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