

Leeds Philharmonic Chorus on Tour

Durham Weekend 7-9 July 2017

Friday: travel to **Collingwood College, South Road, Durham DH1 3LT** by car share or by train/taxi. Taxis cost around £7 from Durham Station to the College. Check-in is from 14.00.

If you're driving, the simplest route is to leave the A1 at J59 and turn left at the top of the slip road on to the A167. Stay on the A167 for 12 miles, passing Newton Aycliffe and Ferryhill. As you leave Croxdale, the road goes down a hill and crosses the River Wear and the River Browney, then becomes dual carriageway and goes uphill. At the top of the hill turn right on to the A177, signposted Durham. Go straight on through two sets of traffic lights. Immediately after the next pedestrian crossing with lights, turn right (signposted Botanic Gardens) and right again, following signs for Collingwood College which will take you into the car park. Car parking is not guaranteed but, as it's not term time, the College doesn't foresee any issues. Follow signs for the Main Entrance where someone will greet you and give you a room number. Rooms are en-suite and have tea/coffee making facilities. Most people are in single rooms.

Rehearsal from 16.30 - 18.30 in the Penthouse Suite at the College for those people able to attend; please do try and get there.

As the bar in Collingwood College is being refurbished, dinner with a glass of wine will be served at 19.30 in Grey College (2 minutes' walk), for those people who have opted to attend. Drinks can be purchased from the Bar beforehand and wine to purchase to drink with your meal will also be available in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Dr Simon Lindley, a well-known local musician who has been involved with the Leeds Phil for many years.

If you choose to make your own arrangements to eat out in Durham, it will be at your own expense; most people have opted for the dinner in Grey College.

Saturday: full English breakfast in Collingwood College served from 08.00 – 09.00, followed by a morning rehearsal from 09.30 – 11.30 in the Penthouse Suite.

Free time in the middle of the day. Please note it is the Durham Miners' Gala and access into the city centre is restricted, but it is possible to walk to the Cathedral in around 15 minutes. You may also choose to visit the Botanic Garden (with a coffee shop) or the Oriental Museum; both are close to the College. If you wish to buy lunch, this will be at your own expense. There are several pubs within a short distance of the College.

Leave the College at 15.00 to travel by coach to Ushaw College, 4 miles from Durham. Guests should come along; the College and its lovely grounds are well worth exploring whilst we rehearse. It was formerly a Seminary for training priests.

Rehearsal 15.30 – 17.30 and concert at 19.30 (conducted by Richard) at Ushaw College Chapel. Around thirty members of Durham Choral Society will be joining us. A light buffet tea will be provided for everyone in the Refectory before the concert; tea tickets will be distributed on the coaches on the way to Ushaw College.

The coaches will return us to Collingwood College after the concert and the Bar in Grey College will be open until around 23.30.

Sunday: full English breakfast in Collingwood College served from 08.00 – 09.00. Check out of the College and travel at 09.30 to Beamish, the Living Museum of the North. We hope everyone will be able to go by car and ask drivers to offer lifts to those people who have travelled to Durham by train.

Turn left then immediately right out of the College entrance, on to Elvet Hill Road. At the T junction turn left. At the Duke of Wellington traffic lights turn right on to the A167. Stay on this road for 7.5 miles then turn left on to the A693 and follow the brown signs to Beamish. Free parking is available. We need to assemble as a group outside the entrance and go in together.

We will give two performances in the Pit Village Chapel. These will be from 11.00 – 12.00 and from 14.00 – 15.00. For the rest of the day you will be free to explore the Museum. Hot drinks will be provided and a locked room in a Pit Village cottage will be available for us to leave bags and coats whilst we perform. There are various catering outlets where you can purchase a meal or snack at your own expense.

Those members travelling by train from Durham to Leeds need to return to Durham Station and arrangements have been made for them to do so. People travelling by car will be free to leave after 15.00 but may wish to take further advantage of our free admission (for you and a partner) to Beamish to explore until it closes (usually around 17.00).

Cost

The cost of this Durham weekend is £150 per person (this does *not* include the cost of the formal dinner, which is a further £39).

N.B. Transport to and from Durham is at your own expense. We will help to organise car sharing.

You should already have paid your final balance (including the cost of the formal dinner, if required).

Personal insurance

Participants are responsible for their own insurance arrangements. The Leeds Philharmonic Society is not liable for any loss, theft or damage.