



Choir: Ottery St Mary

Section: Soprano / Bass

We love La La!

We are Geoff & Doreen and we're both in our 50's. We joined La La two years ago and have never looked back. We'd both always loved singing in the comfort of our own home or in the car and had an interest in a variety of musical genres but that was as far as it went.



What made you decide to join La La and what made you stay?

As a couple, with grown up children, we'd reached the point of needing an outside interest we could share. In December 2015, we were in the audience at Exeter Cathedral for La La's CLIC for Christmas concert and that was it, we knew we wanted to join them. We received a wonderful welcome from Sam and the Ottery St Mary group. Whatever else is happening in our lives, we know that Thursday evenings will be a time where we'll sing, spend time in good company and laugh. We come home feeling full of enthusiasm and mentally refreshed.



What do you feel makes La La different from other choirs?

Sam's inimitable style and the relaxed and friendly atmosphere she creates. Sam has a wonderful sense of humour which rubs off on us all; she personally gets to know each and every one of us and from day one you're made to feel part of the 'La La Family'. Also, with there being four choirs, it is great to have opportunities to meet up to sing, socialise and raise funds for a variety of charities.



What has La La done for you and how has that improved your life?

During the last two years we've learnt so much, gained confidence, made lots of new friends from all four choirs and laughed a lot. We've performed at various gigs including the last two CLIC concerts at Exeter Cathedral. Who'd have thought we could do that?

Recently we attended a vocal stamina and technique workshop, to learn more and improve our singing. We've also just, with encouragement and support from other choir members, decided to volunteer to sing the two solo parts for Ed Sheeran's 'Perfect'; the next step in the 'gaining confidence' category. So to sum up, La La has opened up new and exciting opportunities that we can enjoy together.



What would you say to anyone thinking of joining La La?

Do it! La La is open to all; you just need to love singing. Take the plunge and give it a try. You'll be made very welcome, feel great and laugh a lot. It's a win, win situation. Remember, singing is good for you!

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