

## **New Group Proposal: Chelmsford u3a Community Choir – Led by Professional Singer Deborah Aloba**

We are delighted to share that Deborah Aloba, a highly experienced professional singer and singing teacher, is offering to lead a brand-new Chelmsford u3a Choir following her retirement.

Deborah brings three decades of professional performance and teaching, a degree in music, and a master's in vocal pedagogy. Her approach is warm, inclusive, and confidence-building, and she has worked with choirs on everything from Mozart to Queen, Gershwin to G&S, folk songs, gospel, musical theatre, and even a touch of rock and roll.



### **A Generous Offer**

Deborah is kindly offering her time and expertise completely free of charge to Chelmsford u3a. The only cost to members would be a contribution towards hall hire, once a suitable venue is arranged.

### **What the Choir Might Look Like**

Deborah's vision is to create a friendly, flexible choir where everyone—regardless of experience—can take part. Her suggested structure includes:

- Gentle warm-ups and vocal exercises
- Learning parts together, starting with accessible pieces
- A cappella singing if no accompanist is available
- Optional small solos or sectional singing for those who enjoy it
- More ambitious pieces as confidence grows
- Helpful practice resources (e.g., YouTube part recordings)
- And of course... a cuppa and a biscuit before heading home

Deborah's aim is simple: to make singing joyful, sociable, and open to all.



### **Pianists – We'd love to hear from you**

If anyone in Chelmsford u3a can play the piano confidently enough to accompany the choir—even occasionally—Deborah would be delighted. An accompanist would broaden the musical possibilities enormously.

### **Interested in Joining?**

At this stage we are simply gathering expressions of interest.

If you would like to be part of this new choir—or if you could offer piano accompaniment—please let us know. **Contact the Groups Coordinator: [lesleywood54@yahoo.com](mailto:lesleywood54@yahoo.com)**