

MORLAND CHORISTERS' CAMP

*A Residential Course approved by the Royal School of Church Music
founded in 1970 by The Revd Canon Gervase Markham MBE*



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Dear Chorister

We are delighted you are coming to the 48th Morland Choristers Camp and we look forward to seeing you on **Sunday 29th July**. Please read carefully through the information in this letter, importantly including the *Clothes & Equipment* list and the *Camp Rules*. You should also have received the *Nominal Roll* of those coming, which shows groupings and responsibilities that have been carefully worked out to give a good balance and as far as possible to meet your requests - please tell us of any corrections needed.

SUPPLYING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

I would be grateful if as soon as possible you could please complete the online Pre-Camp Registration Form which may be found at morland.org.uk/forms/2018-pre-camp-registration-forms/.

BOOKING-IN

Please **come to the Village Hall** (CA10 3AT) **between 3.00pm and 4.30pm on Sunday 29th July** in order to:

- Hand in pocket money to Cashier/Bankers.
- Consult the Nurse/First Aider if/as required.
- Meet the Musical Directors, have height measured for seating.
- Hang up choir robes in the Church (assisted by the Chaplain's P/A).
- Stow bedding and baggage at the Campsite / Village Hall, assisted by Leaders and House Parents

Parents are most welcome to attend the events on the *Timetable* marked for their attention, and to come on 29th July and see where the Camp takes place. For those new to Morland, it is easily accessible as follows:

- From **the North** and M6 Junction 40 (via Cliburn): enter Morland with the church on your left; go straight ahead up the hill (bearing right at the traffic island towards Newby). The Village Hall is on the right as you leave the village, next to the school.
- From **the South** and M6 Junction 39 (via Newby): the Village Hall is on the left as you enter Morland.
- From **the East** and A66 (via Bolton): go through Morland and up the hill, bearing left at the traffic island. The Village Hall is on the right as you leave the village, next to the school. A sketch map of Morland village is included in this letter.

ALTERNATIVE ARRIVAL TIMES

Seniors need to arrive preferably on the Saturday, and at the absolute latest in time for a meeting at 10.00am on Sunday morning in the Village Hall. **Junior Leaders** are asked to **book in between 2.30pm and 3.00pm** and attend a meeting at 4.30pm. The accompanied **train from London** arrives on Sunday afternoon.

NEGLECTED GEMS

Each year choristers are given something to learn by heart and repeat at Camp, earning points for their Group. This year it will be a 24-hour team challenge, so each Group's 'Neglected Gem' will be revealed during the week.

'FRIENDS OF MORLAND' CHORAL EVENSONG, CARLISLE CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST

A regular fixture in the calendar of *The Friends of Morland Choristers Camp* (an association of former and current choristers and staff, and their families, friends and other supporters) is to sing Evensong in Carlisle Cathedral on the last Saturday of Camp. We are pleased that a number of parents, and family members and friends join in this event, finding it not only interesting and enjoyable in itself but a useful way of passing the time while the Camp is rehearsing for its concert! We practise at the Cathedral in the afternoon, and finish in time to travel to Penrith for the start of the concert. The music is available in advance for those who would like it. **Parents, families, friends and anyone else who might be interested are warmly invited to sing.** The online *Pre-Camp Registration Form* gives an opportunity to express interest, and/or please contact Nick Willmer: 07860 300888 or WillmerN@gmail.com.

CONCERT & PRIZEGIVING

The Concert will be at the usual venue: Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY. Please note: parking is limited in the area close to the church: you are advised to allow more time to locate a car park and walk to the venue (www.penrithmethodist.co.uk).

The Parents' Prizegiving is on the final Sunday afternoon. Parents, families and friends are most welcome at both the prizegiving and lunch beforehand.

Please note that we no longer sell tickets for either event. Instead, donations will be invited from those attending. There is a section on the *Pre-camp Registration Form* for parents to indicate likely numbers, to help us plan seating and refreshments.

VISITING CLERGY and Readers are invited to robe for the Final Evensong in Morland Church. Please contact the Chaplain in advance.

DEPARTURE

We need to ensure that every Chorister aged under 18 is handed back to the responsibility of a nominated adult at the end of Camp. Camp ends on Sunday 5th August after Evensong (around 5.00pm) except for those who have made prior arrangements (for example the London train party). There is a section on the online *Pre-camp Registration Form* for parents to tell us the arrangements for collecting choristers.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any **questions or concerns before Camp starts**, please contact either me or an appropriate member of the camp staff as follows:

Music Directors: Don Gillthorpe (07974 540037) or Oli Tarney (07595 918563);

House Parents: Simon Gordon (07843 207876) or Ruth Evans (07889 142546);

Chaplain: The Revd Carrie Thompson (07866 703378); Administration: Nick Willmer (07860 300888), David Jones (01931 714338) or Cathy Martin (07507 764683). Or by email to admin@morland.org.uk.

For **contact while the Camp is in progress**, please note the following information.

- a) Any parents/guardians wishing to telephone Camp while it is in progress may do so as follows:
 - The Camp's Health & Safety Officer 07860 300888 (answer or voice-mail 24 hours a day).
 - The Camp's General Manager 01931 714338 (answer or voice-mail 24 hours a day).
- b) Letters to choristers attending Camp should be addressed as follows: [Name of chorister], Morland Choristers Camp, Newby End Farm, Newby, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3EX.
- c) If Camp Staff need to contact a parent/guardian during Camp, they will use the contact details supplied by the parent/guardian on the online *Pre-camp Registration Form*. Please ensure that these appropriately cover the period during which the camp takes place.

Best wishes.

Nick Willmer

07860 300888

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Timetable

* Parents and friends are welcome at these events

Saturday 28 July

- 16.00 Staff Meeting in Village Hall
- 19.30 Dinner for staff (Village Hall) and for those senior choristers already in Morland (Crown Inn)

Sunday

- 09.00 Breakfast for staff and senior choristers who arrived on Saturday (Village Hall)
- 10.00 Senior Advisers and Senior Singers' meeting at Village Hall
- 11.00 – 12.30 Senior Advisers and Senior Singers' booking-in at Village Hall
- 13.00 Lunch in the School Dining Hall (for those who have made arrangements in advance)
- 14.00 Welcoming party assemblies at Village Hall
- 14.00 – 15.00 Choristers aged 16 and 17 (Junior Leaders) book in at Village Hall
- 15.00 – 16.30 Choristers aged under 16 book in at Village Hall
- 16.30 – 17.00 Meeting for all Junior Leaders
- 17.15 *Opening Service in Church (choir robes not worn)
- 17.45 Supper in the School Dining Hall followed by Team Captains' meeting, then first Concert practice in Village Hall (with drinks available at the break in the practice)
- 22.00 Lights out (23.00 for Junior Leaders)

Monday to Thursday (not Wednesday – see below)

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.00 Inspection
- 09.30 Prayers and Church practice, break at 10.45, sectional practices at 11.15
- 12.20 Village Hall practice (except Thursday: 12.00)
- 12.45 Lunch, followed by Wide-Game, Sports, Dam-Building etc
- 18.00 Supper
- 19.00 Concert Practice (drinks during the break) followed by a voluntary Compline service at 21.30
- 22.00 Lights Out (23.00 for Junior Leaders)

Wednesday (breakfast, inspection, lunch, afternoon activity, supper and lights out as above)

- 09.30 Prayers and Village Hall concert practice, break at 10.45, sectional practices at 11.15
- 11.45 Informal Concert followed by concert practice in the Village Hall
- 19.00 Church Practice, followed by Break at 20.00 (drinks available) and Compline rehearsal at 20.20
- 20.45 *Choral Compline service

Friday (morning starts as usual, but practices finish earlier)

- 12.30 Lunch, then coach to Carlisle, Evensong rehearsal, tea in Tithe Barn (around 16.30)
- 17.45 *Cathedral Evensong in Carlisle Cathedral
(please note that any parents/friends wishing to meet choristers are welcome to do so during the teabreak, but that time after the service is very limited)
- 19.45 Supper (no rehearsal after supper, no Compline, lights out as usual)

Saturday (morning starts as usual, but practices finish earlier)

- 12.30 Lunch, then coach to Penrith Methodist Church for Concert rehearsal
- 17.30 Supper
- 19.00 *Concert at Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY.
Parents/friends are most welcome, and there will be opportunity to meet choristers in the interval.
www.penrithmethodist.co.uk
- 22.00 Lights out as usual (or 30 minutes after arriving back from Penrith, if later)

Sunday

- 08.00 Breakfast (wearing smart clothes) then Rehearsal in Village Hall
- 09.15 Practice
- 10.00 *Procession
- 10.15 *Parish Eucharist in Morland Church
- 11.45 Group Quiz and *Croquet Finals
- 13.00 *Buffet lunch in School for Parents, Choristers and Staff
- 14.00 *Prizegiving (outside or in Village Hall depending on weather)
- 15.30 *Final Choral Evensong in Morland Church
- 16.45 Choristers under 18 depart (except London Train Party)
- 17.15 London Train Party coach departs for train (18.05, arriving into Euston 21.19)
- 20.00 Staff and guests' supper at Mill Yard; Seniors' supper in The Crown Inn

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CAMP RULES

We aim to operate as an All-Age Family, the older ones looking after the younger ones. This works well, but every family needs its Rules so they are being circulated in advance in order that everyone knows where they stand.

1. The Camp is a Non-Smoking Area, in the interests of singing and health.
2. The Crown Inn is Out-of-Bounds to those under 16. The Licensees are given a list of those who are 16 and 17 years old and will adhere to the law in not serving them alcoholic drinks. The Camp will operate a shop selling soft drinks, sweets etc.
3. Choristers are not permitted dangerous or distracting articles (e.g. knives, matches, televisions). Chewing gum is heavily discouraged and is banned in the church or other public buildings.
4. Choristers must be considerate in their use of mobile phones, cameras and digital/social media. They must not be used during rehearsals, services/concerts and other public events, or between lights-out and 7.00 in the morning. Photos/videos must not disclose spoken or visual contact details or personal information. Interaction with fellow choristers on digital/social media must follow the same principles of considerate behaviour as face-to-face interaction.
5. Unless told otherwise, Choristers must stay within the area of Morland Village bounded by the School, Campsites, Church and Morland House at all times. The Beck is Out-of-Bounds. Each Campsite is Out-of-Bounds to everyone other than those Choristers or Staff whose sleeping accommodation it is or who are on duty there. The Village Hall similarly (except when rehearsals are taking place). Choristers aged under 18 should not normally walk through the Village alone.
6. Shopping in Carlisle before Cathedral Evensong is restricted to Junior Leaders and above. There will be opportunity for shopping for all choristers on another afternoon.
7. Parents and friends are most welcome to come on the first Sunday afternoon and see where the Camp takes place, also to attend the events on the Timetable marked for their attention. However, apart from this, any member of Camp wishing to bring friends into the Camp during the week must first ask a House Parent. Morland church remains open to the public, but friends may not be invited to meals with the Camp – there is no room, or we would have a bigger Camp.
8. Parking space at Morland House is only available to staff staying there. Any cars brought to Camp by Choristers may be used only by special arrangement with the House Parents.
9. The basic rule of having a worthwhile and enjoyable Camp is that we all, young and old, take trouble to be in the right place at the right time with the right equipment and Choristers do what they are told as quickly as they can.

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NECESSARY CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT

In addition to ordinary everyday wear, you will need:

For the Church Services

Choir Robes and ribbons (unless you have registered to borrow robes at camp)

Boys: Tie and white shirts plus grey/black trousers (not denim or jeans) and dark shoes

Girls: Smart clothes (not denim or jeans) and dark shoes (not very high heels) - appropriate for Church

For the concert

Boys: same as for Church

Girls: smart clothes and smart shoes

For outdoor and sports

Water bottle ½–1 litre (inexpensive plastic from supermarket is ideal – label will be supplied)

Wellington boots and waterproof jacket

Warm fleece or hoody

Sports clothes x 2

Old trainers/gym shoes (these will get wet at dam-building).

Swimming kit and towel (even if choosing not to go to the swimming pool - useful for the dam-building afternoon)

For overnights

Bed roll, sleeping bag and pillow: **NB PLEASE DO NOT BRING CAMP BEDS or AIR BEDS** (*their noise disturbs other people and space is too limited to accommodate them*)

Towel and toiletries

A small torch

PLEASE NAME CLOTHES AND POSSESSIONS.

WE DO NOT WANT TO BE LEFT WITH MOUNDS OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY!

Medication:

Any prescription medicines etc required. If medicines need to be kept secure please bring them in a secure container. (**Any special requests should be noted on the Registration Form** including storage of spare medication by the Camp's Nurse/First-Aider). We also invite you on the Registration Form to authorise Camp staff to supply common items of medication as required. Choristers bringing Epipens are strongly advised to bring two – one to be carried with them and one to be held by the Camp's Nurse/First-Aider.

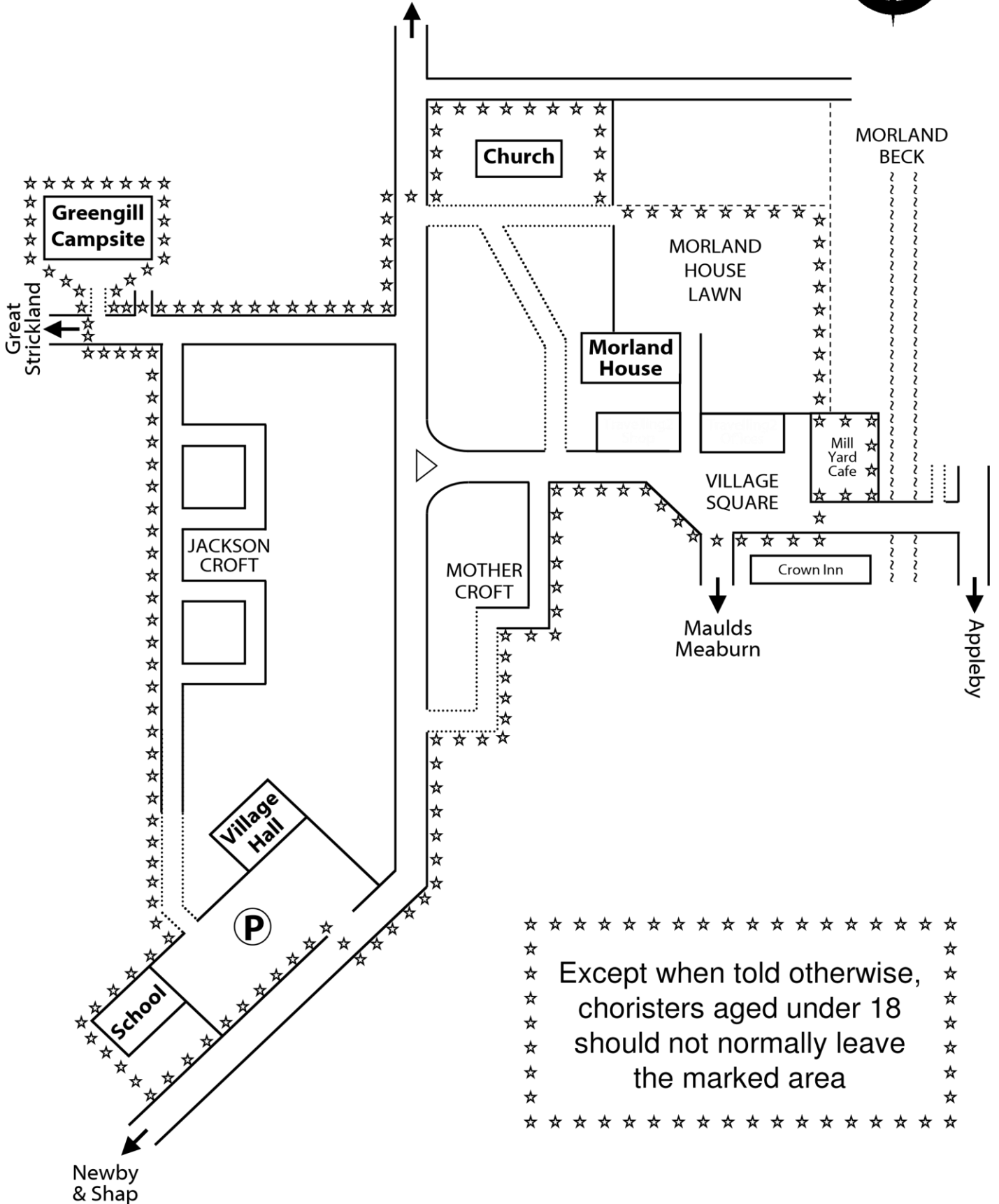
Please note that, although the Camp Nurse/First-Aider are on hand, choristers are expected generally to be responsible for their own medication. Non-prescription products, such as sun cream, insect repellent, throat lozenges, girls' hygiene etc should be brought as necessary (supplies are also kept by the Nurse/First-Aider).

Pocket money (between £10-£30 is recommended – this is to be handed to Bankers on arrival for safe keeping and then available as required)

A tuck shop is open twice a day but parents are particularly asked not to send substantial quantities of 'junk food'. The Camp menus are carefully thought out and it is important for choristers to eat well in the interests of good health and good singing.

Please also avoid chewing gum – it is a nightmare for the camp, especially in public buildings!

MORLAND CHORISTERS CAMP





Welcome ...

to the
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INFORMATION FOR NEW CHORISTERS

You don't have to read any of this if you don't want to, as you will be shown where to go and told what to do, but it's here if you do want to read it ...

You will be in one of five groups (A, B, C, D or E). Each Group has two Teams with about half a dozen people in each - a Boys' Team and a Girls' Team, each led by a Team Captain. Boys sleep in tents at the Greengill Campsite, girls in the Village Hall. Soon after you arrive you will be shown where you will be sleeping. There are several people on hand to help you - your Team Captain and the older "Junior Leaders", and each Group has an adult "Senior Adviser" who keeps an eye on things and makes sure all is well. Some of your Team have been to the Morland Camp before and will help you find your way around. These notes give you an idea of what will happen the first evening and night that you arrive.

After booking-in is finished, your Team will take you to the Church, which we use for church music practices and services. The first service is at 5.15 - you won't need choir robes, or music, or anything else for it. After the service, it will be time for Supper, and you will be taken to Morland School which we use for all meals. Then we move to the Village Hall, next to the School, for the first Concert Practice. After the practice, there is some free time before you make your way to bed. By 10.00 you need to be in bed and ready for "Lights Out".

By then, you will know where we sing, where we eat, where we sleep. The facilities for washing etc are:

- Girls mainly use the Village Hall washrooms, but can use the girls' cloakroom at the School next door if they want to.
- Boys mainly use the Campsite facilities, and you can use the boys' cloakroom at the School.

During the day, choristers also have access to the loo in the Church and, of course, the Village Hall washrooms when rehearsing there.

In the morning, everyone needs to be back at the School for breakfast at 8.00, and there is clearing up to be done at the Campsite/Village Hall to leave everything tidy for the day. Again, you will be told what happens next - though the main points are on the timetable. There are also various jobs that Groups have to do during the week to keep things running smoothly - your Junior Leaders are in charge of those.

If you need to know something, just ask. Or, if you forget to take something or lose it - say so. If you feel unwell, see the Camp Nurse/First Aider on Duty or another member of staff. If ever you are worried about something, please tell someone - there are notices in different places telling you of people you can talk to. And, if you need someone during the night, there is a member of staff sleeping in the Village Hall, and boys can find the Duty Staff on the Campsite in the green Duty Tent.

We are all - choristers and staff - here to help you. We want you to be happy and have a lot of fun.

Enjoy the week!