



98th Annual General Meeting 36th Annual Conference Weekend 4-6 April 2025

Doesn't time fly? It's that time again to tell you about my travels to several parts of the country in search of locations for our annual conferences. For next year my thoughts were to look at Leeds as our next conference destination. This has proved to be a good choice. Location is very accessible from the motorway system. In fact, the hotel I have recommended to the officers is the Holiday Inn Leeds/Wakefield on junction 40 of the M1 motorway.



Just to be clear, there is another hotel of the same group called Leeds Holiday Inn which is not the destination. The hotel layout is similar to the hotel we stayed in at Taunton for those who attended the conference there. It is a comfortable hotel having adequate conference facilities and a location where the local bus stops to and from Leeds are outside the hotel. Accommodation costs have risen dramatically over the past two years and particularly for 2025. This is due in part to staff minimum wage increases and principally to the cost of food. I always try to find the best deal and do quite a bit of bargaining to bring costs down where possible, but it is a fact we have to accept prices have risen within the hospitality

sector. There is free parking for guests staying for the whole conference weekend.

Our speakers for conference include David Lawrence who is well known to the Association as an excellent speaker.

He has a wealth of knowledge in the art of choral singing and conducting.

We will also welcome another speaker, currently being finalised. The presentations will be packed with singing opportunities for us all.

The conference concert on Saturday evening will be organised by Leeds Male Voice Choir who will be joined in concert by several choirs from the surrounding area. The concert venue is the Riley Smith Hall at Tadcaster. The ticket price for the concert will be included in the full delegate package. I will organise coach transport to the concert at Tadcaster. The cost of transport is also included in the package.



A proposed timeline for the conference weekend is included. Please note this is a guide only. Please refer to the timeline within your delegate packs

given out on your arrival at the hotel which will include any alteration to timings if required.

You will find a booking form for the conference within this issue of News and Views.

Full conference stay - Total cost per person for the whole conference weekend is £275.

Day delegate rate - for Saturday including lunch and morning coffee. £60

Add evening meal before departure to concert if required £28

Add transport and ticket to concert if required £25

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National Conference Booking Form 1 4-6 April 2025

Holiday Inn Leeds/Wakefield

Junction 40 M1 motorway. Queens Drive, Lupset, WF5 9BE

CONFERENCE COSTS

Full Conference Stay

The price quoted is

per person for the whole conference

There are no single room supplements

Price per person for whole conference includes admission to all lectures
two nights bed breakfast, evening meal, refreshments and free admission to Saturday evening concert.
per person £275

Cancellations two weeks before conference will incur a charge of 50% of the total fee payable.

Substitute guests will be welcome.

Day Delegates

Payment in full when booking (non-refundable)

Please circle requirements

Day delegate fee including refreshments and lunch £60

Evening meal Saturday add £28.00

Concert ticket Saturday add £12.00

Friday Gala Dinner add £35.00

Deposit of £70 with booking form. Balance by early February 2025

Please circle Room Type -

single double twin

Amount submitted £ _____

Please return your completed forms and deposits to the address below

Payment method - tick the appropriate box

Paying by cheque

Cheques should be made payable to

The National Association of Choirs

Please return your completed forms and cheque
to the address below

Paying by BACS

You may pay by BACS

(please indicate BACS on booking form)

Pay to **National Association of Choirs**

Sort code 30 94 19 - Account no 30254060

Reference: Conference 2025.

THE PERSONAL DETAILS OF EACH DELEGATE MUST BE ENTERED ON FORM 2

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The event is open to all who wish to attend on payment of the appropriate charges

Guest 1

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

First Name.....

Surname.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Telephone Home..... Mobile.....

Email Address.....

Special Requirements

Diet [type].....

Disability [wheelchair user/handrails required etc.].....

NAC group.....

Choir Name.....

Guest 2

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss.....

First Name.....

Surname.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Telephone Home..... Mobile.....

Email Address.....

Special Requirements

Diet [type].....

Disability [wheelchair user/handrails required etc.].....

NAC group.....

Choir Name.....

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM FOR MORE GUESTS IF REQUIRED



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National Conference Timetable 4-6 April 2025

Holiday Inn Hotel, Leeds/Wakefield, M1 Junction 40. Queen's Drive, Ossett WF5 9BE

Friday 4 April 2025

2.00	Delegates arrive, register at reception, and collect delegate pack.
3.00	National officers meeting.
4.00-5.15	Come and sing.
7.30	Delegates and guests assemble for dinner.
8.00	Gala dinner with wine.
9.30	After dinner entertainment.
12.00	Bar closes.

Saturday 5 April 2025

7.00	Access for trade stands to set up
7.30-9.30	Breakfast in main dining room
9.30-10.30.	Seminar 1 David Lawrence
10.30-11.00	Coffee break and trade stand viewing
11.00-12.30	Seminar 2 David Lawrence
12.30-2.00	Lunch
2.00-3.30	Seminar 3 David Lawrence
3.30	Coffee and trade stand viewing
5.15	Early evening meal [2courses]
6.45	Coach leaves hotel for concert at Tadcaster
7.30	Concert at Riley Centre Tadcaster with choirs from local area.
10.00 Approx	Light refreshments provided on return to hotel.

Sunday 6 April 2025

7.00-9.30	Breakfast [For those delegates wishing to attend local places of worship, details and directions will be available at reception]
9.30-10.30	Seminar 4
10.30-11	Coffee and trade stand viewing
11.00-11.30	Annual General Meeting
11.30-1.00	Members Open Forum
1.00.	Conference closes. [Lunch is available in the dining room at member's own expense]
1.00	National officers debrief meeting [guillotined after one hour]
Extra night's stay	The Holiday Inn group offer reduced rates on a regular basis. For our delegates to obtain the best rates I advise you to book these online.