**MAKING A LEGACY TO THREE SPIRES SINGERS**

WE HAVE MANY dedicated participants and supporters who are very committed to ensuring our continuing success year after year. These include members of Three Spires Singers, Three Spires Orchestra, Sponsors, Friends, Patrons and our many audience members. One way in which some of us might like to give future financial support is to make a legacy to Three Spires Singers in our wills. Such gifts are exempt from Inheritance Tax, and in April 2012 new rules brought in a reduced level of Inheritance Tax for people leaving 10% of their estate to charity.

If this proposition is not for you please disregard it, but if you think it may be of interest please continue.

**It is best to leave a legacy as part of your Will, so it would be advisable to see a solicitor to arrange this. A suggested wording is below, but please check with your solicitor.**

“I bequeath to Three Spires Singers, Registered Charity Number 900017, *either (Pecuniary bequest)* the sum of ....................................................................... *(amount in words) or (Residuary bequest)* .......................................................................% *(amount in words)* of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to be applied to the general purposes of the said Charity, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or of any other appropriate officer for the time being of the said Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors.”

**Alternatively, if you are simply adding a donation to Three Spires Singers to an existing Will, you can use a codicil. Adding a codicil means there is no need to change the terms of your current Will; it simply adds a new instruction.**

A few simple rules for Codicils – an example is given below, available in hard copy on request:

* Do not cross out or write new instructions into your current Will as any changes will not be valid.
* As with Wills, two people need to witness you singing and dating the codicil. They do not need to be the same people who witnessed your original Will.
* Keep the codicil along with your current Will in a safe place.
* Send or give a copy of the Will and codicil (in a sealed envelope if preferred) to your Executor or a trusted friend, with a note indicating where the original is held.

**There is no need to inform us if you choose to make a legacy to Three Spires Singers. Thank you so much for giving this your consideration: any legacies made will bring pleasure to a great many people.**

Legacy 10 is an independent campaign launched in November 2011 that seeks to increase the amount of giving to good causes. You may find it helpful to peruse their website for more information: www.legacy10.com

If you would like to discuss the details of making a legacy to Three Spires Singers please contact our Chairman: Lora Wicks, Albert House, Callestick, TRURO Cornwall TR4 9LN Telephone: 07791 235 269 or Email: lorawicks@talktalk.net

Registered Charity Number 900017 [www.threespiressingers.org.uk](http://www.threespiressingers.org.uk)

**EXAMPLE CODICIL**

This is the first \* / second \* / ...................................................... \* / Codicil to my last Will dated ................... /................... /...................

of me ..................................................................................................................................................... *(name)*

of ................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................. *(address)*

I bequeath to Three Spires Singers, Registered Charity Number 900017,

either *(Pecuniary Bequest)*

the sum of .................................................................................................................................................... *(amount in words)*

or *(Residuary Bequest)*

.................................................................................................................................................... % *(amount in words)* of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to be applied to the general purposes of the said Charity, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or of any other appropriate officer for the time being of the said Society shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any existing Codicils thereto.

Signed .................................................................................................................................................... *Date* ................... /................... /...................

SIGNED by the said .................................................................................................................................................... *(name of Testator)*

as and for a ...................................... \* Codicil

to his/her last Will and Testament dated the ......................................................................................................................... *(date of Will)*

in the joint presence of us both being present at the same time who at his/her request in his/her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

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| WITNESS 1 |  | WITNESS 2 |
| *Name* |  | *Name* |
| *Address* |  | *Address* |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| *Occupation* |  | *Occupation* |
| *Date* |  | *Date* |
| *Signed* |  | *Signed* |

\* *Please indicate what number this Codicil is.*