



In Harmony

The Marchington Singers' Newsletter

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Dear Singers,

I hope this summer newsletter will help to keep everyone up to speed on things that are happening during our holidays and some plans for the future.

Before getting into the detail of future events, I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Marchington Singers for their support and hard work during the past year, and to tell those who did not attend the Annual General Meeting about the changes within the committee for the forthcoming year.

The AGM Elections

a). All the Officers of the committee - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, together with the Music Librarian - were re-elected and the Conductor and Accompanist were re-appointed for a further year.

b). Before the AGM, the following had indicated that they would like to stand down from the committee:-

Full members: Linda Craske, Christopher Leedham and Jenny Speed.

Co-opted Member for Publicity: Tony Fellows.

c). Elected as Full Members were: Peter Davies, Ann Lakin and Pat Warhurst.

No replacement for Tony has yet been appointed, and as a result of the above changes, we have the ability to appoint up to two new Co-opted Members if we should need them for specific tasks. (Please see full Committee details overleaf)

We welcome the new members to the committee and, in saying farewell to the departing members, we thank them and the continuing members for their valuable work in the past year(s). **Our next committee meeting is at 8.00pm on Thursday 7th September 2006 at Gill's house, 21 Woodland Views, Marchington.**

Moscow to Manhattan

We all know what a spectacular success this concert was, but I would like to give you a few snippets from the various letters we have received from members of the audience. We will display the letters on the notice board in September so you can read them in full.

From Joan Moore. "Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity of taking part in such a wonderful concert and for sending me the lovely letter of thanks from the Marchington Singers. The whole day was full of such a fantastic mix of music and atmosphere. It was Magical."

From John and Judy Landells. "Many congratulations on the wonderful concert. We thoroughly enjoyed it and Tanya was superb. We look forward to the next."

From Nigel and Linda Pearce. "What a truly amazing concert. For us, the highlights were the Ave Maria (Bogoroditsye Dyevo), the West Side Story selection and, especially, The Way You Look Tonight. Tanya's performance was brilliant—What a coup for the Marchington Singers to secure her services!"

Kate Speed's Wedding

Those of us who were able to sing at this event were proud to be part of such a lovely day, and we wish the Bride and Groom every happiness in the years to come.

'A Day in the Country 4' - Visit to Banks Music Publishers

On September 15th and 16th Wendy and a few other members will be making their annual visit to Sand Hutton (near York) to test the suitability, for The Marchington

Diary

2006

Wednesday 6 September
Rehearsals Start
Village Hall, 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 7 September
Committee Meeting 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 9 December
4th Annual Christmas by
Candlelight Concert
St. Mary's Church, Uttoxeter,
7.30 p.m.

Sunday 17 December
Carols Round the Village

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Saturday 31 March
Stainer Crucifixion (date &
venue to be confirmed)

Easter
Tour to Mallorca
Depart Wednesday 4th April
Return Tuesday 10th April

August
Wedding at Sandon Church,
near Stafford
This engagement has still to be
confirmed.

Singers, of some of Banks' newly published music. On the Saturday, between about 10am and 4pm (with breaks) we spend the day amongst a group of experienced choristers from various choirs, sight singing music selected by Banks. Although it is quite hard work, it is good fun. If you feel you would like to participate (£13 with refreshments, £9.50 if you take your own lunch.), please ask Wendy for further details.

Mallorca Tour

We have instructed Forward Travel to book air flights and hotel rooms for 30 people and have paid them the £50 per head deposit.

Unfortunately the first hotel we selected did not have enough rooms free, when it came to make the bookings, so we have opted for another hotel of similar standard (Tryp Bosque) a few streets away from the first. This may involve a small increase in price (about £10 per head for the B&B package). For those members and family going on the tour, the confirmation form, enclosed with this newsletter, should be returned to Tim by 13th September.

Songs of Praise at Lichfield Cathedral

We have been invited, by BBC Television, to apply for tickets to take part in two programmes of Songs of Praise from Lichfield Cathedral. Participants would form a 'Combined Choir' being gathered together from local people who enjoy singing in harmony, and who can lead the congregation from seats in the nave (where the microphones will be located!). The (robed) cathedral choir will also sing.

Both programmes will be rehearsed and pre-recorded in the cathedral between 7pm and 10pm on each of four days as follows:-

Wed 15 Nov 06: Combined Choir Rehearsal.

Tues 21 Nov 06: TV Camera rehearsal with combined Choir.

Wed 22 Nov 06: Candlelight Carols recording ... (to be broadcast 17 Dec 06).

Thurs 23 Nov 06: Easter Sunday recording ... (to be broadcast 8 April 2007).

Participants would have to commit to all four sessions and we would have to arrange to hold rehearsals for our own Candlelight concert on other days of the weeks when there are Wednesday rehearsals at Lichfield.

The music we would be singing at Lichfield would probably be well known carols and Easter hymns. We might not receive the full number of tickets we apply for.

The feasibility of our taking part in this is still under consideration by the committee.

Next Rehearsal

This will be on **Wednesday 6 September at the usual venue.**

Please bring with you your Green Carols for Choirs Book 1 and Orange Carols for Choirs Book 2, and the following:

Candlelight Carol

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head

Fum Fum Fum

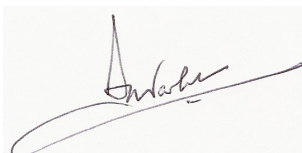
Joseph Dearest.

Full details of the proposed programme will be available after submission to the Committee.

Please also be prepared to indicate your willingness or otherwise to commit to the Songs of Praise project.

Have a good Holiday. See you on the Sixth!

David Warhurst



Your Committee

The following officers and committee members were elected, at the AGM on 19th July 2006, to serve for the year to the end of the 2007 AGM.

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Accompanist

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Co-opted Members

2 vacancies

Notes

... put concert dates in diary ...