



In Harmony

The Marchington Singers' Newsletter

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Dear Singers,

May I start by wishing you and your families a happy, prosperous and *harmonious* New Year.

Recent Events

Candlelight Christmas concert at All Saints Church, Sandon.

This was a highly successful and enjoyable event in aid of the restoration fund for this lovely old church in the grounds of Sandon Hall. The chill of the evening was largely offset by the very warm welcome from the capacity audience and the magnificent banquet provided by the parishioners for everyone present. The Restoration Fund was augmented by over £1000 and we received our usual concert fee of £150.

The request for us to perform this concert followed on from our singing at a wedding in the church earlier in the year, and the concert has in turn produced its own side effect of an invitation to perform a similar concert in December 2008 in the Roman Catholic Church in Tunstall, Stoke on Trent. Out of little acorns, major oaks etc . . . !

Candlelight Christmas Concert at Uttoxeter

This concert again proved a great success and we received much praise from many members of the audience, including the Mayor of Uttoxeter and her Consort who were kind enough to attend. Our MP, Janet Dean, had to decline our invitation because of a prior engagement, but we are grateful to her for the donation she gave us.

As always, thanks are due to all the non-members who gave their time to assist with front of house, lighting and refreshments, etc. Ticket sales were a little lower than last year, partly because another local choir chose to launch a concert on the same evening, and our publicity costs were higher than last year. Despite these adverse factors, our Treasurer reports that the event provided a satisfactory boost to Singer's funds.

Future Events

Next Committee Meeting

Will take place on Tuesday 22nd January at 8.00 p.m. at Fox Hollow, 32, Stafford Road, Uttoxeter.

2008 Diary

so far . . .

Saturday February 9th

**Singing Workshop with
Amy Bebbington
of Chorus Amici**

'WORLD MUSIC'

Village Hall

10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

£10 including lunch

Saturday February 16th

Wedding at Lullington

Early May

**Spring Concert for
Uttoxeter Methodists**

Possible dates Saturday
10th or 17th May

Summer Concert

**'THAT'S
ENTERTAINMENT!'**

Possible date Saturday
12th July

Christmas 2008

To be confirmed . . .

Next Rehearsal

The first rehearsal of the New Year will be on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30 p.m. at Marchington Village Hall. Please bring the following music:

Adiemus, All Things Bright & Beautiful, A Clare Benediction, God Be in My Head, Heart of a Rose, Liza, Look at The World, Marianne, My Spirit Sang All Day, Sing a Song of Sixpence.

Singing Workshop with Amy Bebbington WORLD MUSIC! Saturday 9th February

It's great to hear that many of you have put this event in your diaries already! Amy is working on an exciting programme of music for us, and invitations have been sent to more than a dozen other choirs and singing groups in the local area to join us for the day. If you know of another group who could be interested, please let Wendy know - with a contact name if possible. Catering arrangements for the day will be announced shortly, and a sign-up sheet available at rehearsal on Wednesday 9th January.

Lullington Wedding - Saturday 16th February

Everybody loves a Wedding! This is taking place in the beautiful old church of All Saints, in Lullington (between Edingale and Netherseal). The service starts at 12.30 p.m and we have been asked to do our usual mini-recital before the service and to sing during the signing of the register, as well as helping to sing the hymns. An availability clipboard will be at the first rehearsal.

Other Items of News

a) Our new contact list is attached for your personal use. Please check your own details and report any discrepancies / shortages to Simon Barber who has taken on the role of Membership Secretary formerly held by Ann Lakin. Any future changes in your details should be reported to Simon. Can I suggest you keep your copy in your music folder so you can find it easily when you need it. This is likely to form the basis of the new Telephone Tree system in due course, so it is important to keep it up to date.

b) Our website has recently been updated. If you want to have a look at it, visit www.marchingtonsingers.org

c) Finally, can I take this opportunity of reminding you that I have to stand down as Chairman this coming summer and you will need to elect a new Chairperson at the AGM. Please start to think about nominations for my replacement at an early date.

Many thanks to all of you for your support in 2007. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9th January.



Your Committee

The following officers and committee members were elected, at the AGM on 18th July 2007, to serve for the year to the end of the 2008 A.G.M.

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Notes

... put concert dates in diary ...