



# In Harmony

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## Happy New Year to you all

Traditionally, this is the time for looking both backwards and forwards. I'll make the effort to cope with the former - as only the female of the species is able to multi task - and leave Wendy to tell you about the future!

What a term that was! From our highly enjoyable celebratory dinner in September through to our superb Candlelight Concert last month, congratulations and thanks all round are warranted. It is so gratifying when events for which we have all worked hard are really hugely successful and so widely appreciated. The Singers mean so much to us all and that has never been better demonstrated than by the stunning performance of a less-than-full choir in the Candlelight Concert (a limitation unnoticed by any of the audience to whom I spoke although they were so fulsome in their praise!). Noticeable too - and much appreciated - was the evidence of our togetherness in the very large numbers who helped in so many ways on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and at the post-concert party.

On a personal level, Marian and I were quite taken aback to receive The Singers' recognition of our own milestone (No! Not millstone!) that night. We celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary in Egypt where Marian suffered a bad attack of sunstroke and ultimately returned - still suffering - to Manchester, delayed by 18 hours, in a blizzard! Nevertheless, very many thanks for your kind gifts and card; we treasured your thoughts and would hope that you will join us in a glass of wine when Wednesday practices re-commence!

*Peter*

## And lots more thanks . . .

. . . first of all echoing Peter's delight in the Candlelight Concert - it was great. Thanks to all who made it, and commiserations to those who couldn't; it's always a hazardous time with flu and colds and sore throats around - to say nothing of bad backs - it's such a shame to do all the work and then not be able to sing the concert. Some people will do anything not to confront that donkey (which, incidentally, was brilliant!). My grateful thanks as well to those who turned up to entertain at The Old Rectory - more than twenty of us on a busy afternoon just before Christmas when I'm sure we all had more than enough to do. So well done, everyone, I really appreciate it. And so did the residents. Mince pies and sherry as well.

## Back to the future

So off we go with a new year and some new challenges. First up is a wedding which Tim and I are slightly involved in - on February 6th. Christine has generously offered (arm up back) to conduct on the day, and pieces will include: Winter Wonderland, Walking in the Air, There's a Wideness (should that be 'whiteness?'), Let It Snow and, by special request, You Raise Me Up (Josh Groban). The piece during the register signing will be Laudate Dominum with soloist. Then - wait for it - Abba's I do, I do, I do, I do, I do! And just for good measure, Now To The Banquet. So, the well-known wedding mixture of traditional and, well, unusual!

Then of course we'll be putting together a programme for the Spring/Summer to cover the tour to Belgium and a possible summer concert. Plans are ongoing for both, and we hope to engage a band of some sort to share our summer concert with a 'Best of British' 'Last Night of the Proms' theme.

Rehearsals start Wednesday 6th January, so please bring with you the above pieces - 'You Raise Me Up' and the Abba song will be provided. I'll email everyone with the pieces for the Spring/Summer repertoire. Look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

*Wendy*

## Diary 2010

**Wed. 6th January**  
**7.30 p.m. sharp**  
new term starts.

**Sat. 6th February**  
Becky Scott's Wedding  
at St. Peter's Church,  
Marchington, 12.00 noon.

**Sat. 29th May to**  
**Thurs. 3rd June**  
Tour to Belgium and  
the Somme.

**July Summer Concert**  
in Uttoxeter.  
Date to be confirmed.

**Sat. 24th July**  
Sophie Morgan's Wedding  
at Hoar Cross Church.  
Time to be confirmed.

**Sat. 11th December**  
Annual Christmas by  
Candlelight Concert at  
St. Mary's Church  
Uttoxeter, 7.30 p.m.

## Reminders

**Music for 1st Rehearsal**  
See Wendy's note, opposite.

### Subscriptions

If you pay by terms £10 is  
due on 6th January.

### Belgium Tour Party

Next instalment (£129 for the  
balance of coach fare and  
three group meals) is due by  
28th February.