

Email from Chair 10 July 2015

Dear Members

Accompanist Auditions - change of date

We are now planning to do the accompanist auditions on **Tuesday July 28th** from 7.30pm onwards. If you are free please come to form the "choir" for this event. There will be a bit of hanging around as we interview as well as audition but your support would be very We will be singing from Messiah so bring your own copies or we will seek to obtain some extras... please can you confirm to Sue if you can attend.

Summer Concert

The Harborough Mail edited Viv Window's review somewhat. Here is what she said about our concert in full!

The Fourth of July was really celebrated by the MH Choral Society at their concert in the very appropriately decorated Methodist Church. The choir sang only musical pieces "Born in the USA", but they ranged from the traditional and jolly "Buffalo Gals" and the flowing "Shenandoah", to the poignant "Over the Rainbow". They included several Afro-American spirituals, numbers from Broadway musicals, like "West Side Story", and songs by both serious and popular musicians.

The choir made good use of small groups (available for hire for your functions, please note) and soloists. Pauline Rainey's "Summertime" was memorable, (what a lovely soaring voice!). Veronica Edwards simply became Sondheim's "Broadway Baby" and Phil Spittle emulated Paul Robeson with his "Deep River" (and even deeper voice). John Garratt played his ukulele and sang "Lullaby of Broadway" and the audience joined in.

It was that sort of fun evening! The concert began with a jazzy Scott Joplin piano duet by Chris Hodgson and Celia Lever Jones. It ended with the packed audience singing along. Even the interval snacks had an American theme. Thank you to Market Harborough Choral Society, your MD Anselm Kersten and assistant Richard Blewitt. It was a lovely, relaxing way to spend a warm July evening."

You Tube Audio recording of Summer Concert items

You can hear some of our songs from our concert on our You Tube Channel via the [link](#) here.

Message from the Manager of the Foxton Locks Inn following our end of season party

"I am so glad we were able to accommodate you at the last minute and that you all enjoyed it
The singing I was told was great!!!"

Stephanie Hamblin, Owner, Foxton Locks Inn & The Waterfront

Message from Ivan

Dear Steve

A quick thank you to the MHCS for the box of chocolates given to me last Saturday. Although I am trying to slim, they were very much appreciated! Some still remain, but not for long...

It was a good 'do' on Saturday and a nice way to finish my time as accompanist with you.

With best wishes,

Ivan

And finally

Thanks everyone for a great season.

You may catch some Choral Soc members in the Sugar Loaf on Tuesday nights if you can't wait until September. There may be other social events happening over the summer and we will advise via e mail.

We will issue a proper newsletter at the beginning of August

Have a lovely Summer

Steve, Chair MHCS