

Market Harborough Choral Society Newsletter

January – February 2016



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Happy new year everyone! Here is another newsletter for members and friends of the Choral Society to provide you with information about what us going on over the next couple of months and an updated planner with details of future events.

Christmas Concert and Events

Thanks to everyone who supported the events we were involved in over Christmas.

Our Sunday lunchtime carol sings outside Waitrose during their Christmas tree sales promotion were as enjoyable as ever and the customers donated nearly £190 for the Society over the two Sundays we sang. Thanks to all those who participated.

Grateful thanks to all who helped with the Christmas concert - especially those who helped at the front of house and with refreshments; it was another successful concert with a good blend of new items, old favourites and traditional carols. We were amazed by the virtuosity of Stephen Cook on the marimba and the duet "Rudolph's Rag" with Oksana (done with the briefest of rehearsal!) brought the house down! Thanks especially to Pat Brafield for doing a magnificent job as compere for the evening. Thanks also to all those who came out to Carol Sing in aid of LOROS Hospice Care on Tuesday 22nd December. We raised £233 for LOROS in just a couple of hours singing in the Sugar Loaf, Mercado Lounge, Angel Hotel, Pizza Express, Ascough's and the Beerhouse. The night ended with a curry and drinks at Neil and Charlotte's home until the small hours! Thanks to all the staff and managers of the bars and restaurants who let a motley group of carollers in to sing!

CD – from Remembering to Rejoicing

We were proud to launch our first CD at the November concert and sold it to members and at the Coffee Morning and through Quinns Bookshop in the town centre. Thanks to Jan Meredith for helping sell the disc. There have been plenty of complimentary remarks about the quality of overall production and we are grateful to Jules Addison and the team at 4 part music as well as the Harborough and Bowdens Charity for financial support for this venture. We have already almost recovered production costs meaning that future sales bring income into the Society.

Coffee Morning and looking forward to the next one on Saturday March 5th

Thanks to all those who helped and supported our Coffee Morning on Sat 28th November; we made £532.09 and, for the record, the various stalls etc was as follows:

Raffle	£19.00
Bric a Brac	£38.10
Books	£49.00
Cakes	£81.50
Door & Steve's Frames	£84.99
Tombola	£123.00
Crafts (stealing the show)	£136.50!

Grace Jones our Coffee Morning organiser said “special thanks needs to go out to the craft stall for all the effort, work & time gone into this. This is our best coffee morning takings - nearly £90 up on previous years if I recall correctly. Thanks really to everyone as donations & support were stronger than ever.”

Please help support our next fund raising coffee morning event at the Harborough Theatre on **SATURDAY MARCH 5TH. 9AM UNTIL 12 NOON**. Please note the date and more information from Grace on 07968 439554

Chair of the Society

I have decided to stand down as Chair of the Society. I became Musical Director of Great Bowden Parish Church in 2015 and, with my full time job and other commitments, I realised around Christmas that it was becoming too much.

I informed the Committee at its meeting on January 6th. I have been chair since 2010, have had a fantastic Committee to work with and I have really enjoyed chairing the Society for nearly six years. I would like to remain on the Committee, help support the Society in other ways and the new Chair in whatever way I can.

We are therefore seeking a new Chair and the Committee agreed that I should inform the Society via the newsletter and invite expressions of interest from any member as soon as possible (irrespective of whether you are already on the Committee or not). The Chair's role is quite simple – it is to chair meetings of the Society and ensure that tasks which need to be done are delegated – not do them yourself. (I may not have been a good role model in this respect!)

If you are interested in helping lead the Society in this way, please contact Sue Macdonald our Secretary (bsmacdonald1207@gmail.com). I would be pleased to discuss the role with anyone and promise to offer my full support, and help where needed, to a new Chair. I will remain in the role until a successor is appointed for which a meeting of the Society will be needed.

Other jobs needed

Programme editing/production

Neil Ryrie has been editing and producing the Concert Programmes and wishes to handover this task. It is a job which can be done by a team of people, rather than just one, as it involves jobs such as compiling and typing the programme information as supplied by Anselm, assembling the text into the programme template and arranging the printing/collecting etc which can all be separate tasks. If you (with others if needed) think you can help please contact Sue or speak to Neil. Thanks to Neil for all his work in producing our programmes.

Social Secretary

We need someone to help arrange our regular social events - i.e. - our Christmas carol sing, Easter meal out and end of season party/social in the summer. If you like arranging events and helping people socialise then please contact Sue.

Choral Society Calendar

Please see the updated planner at the end of this Newsletter for all future rehearsal dates and dates for concerts and other activities.

Singing events

Sat 23 January - Wood Requiem Workshop

“Lutterworth Choral Society is hosting a singing day at St Mary’s Church, Lutterworth, starting at 10.00am. We are inviting any singers who are interested to join us for this unique occasion to learn a new work by Christopher Wood – the ‘Wood Requiem’ which premiered at St John’s, Smith Square, in 2012. There is no charge for this workshop day.

No pre-learning is required. Music is supplied. Turn up, sing, and enjoy! This very melodic and achievable piece is being promoted to selected choirs across the country (via Making Music in the first instance) through workshops like this, with the view to a possible performance in the Royal Albert Hall next year – though there is no compulsion for workshop singers to attend. The workshop will end with an informal performance around 5.00pm.

You will find more details and hear excerpts from the CD and workshops at www.woodrequiem.com

We are preparing for 100 plus singers on the day!

If you are interested in taking part in this workshop day, please contact Lorna Osborne – Chair Lutterworth & District Choral Society 01455 282312”

Sat 23 January Come & Sing Tallis' 40-part motet Spem in Alium

St James the Greater 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Booking for Sopranos and Altos is closed, but there are still places for Tenors and Basses

£20 Registration only, if you have your own copy of the score

£23 Registration plus score in advance

Register at <http://www.leicesterbachchoir.org.uk/>

Sat 13 February Burton Joyce nr Nottingham - Choral Workshop with Bob Chilcott

Burton Joyce Choral Society invites you to join them in a Choral Workshop Directed by Bob Chilcott on Saturday 13th February 2016 at Burton Joyce Village Hall. The music for this event will be: “Little Jazz Mass” & “Dances of Time” Come and join us for this exciting singing day, learning new works under the direction of Bob Chilcott. www.bjchoralsociety.org.uk

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MARKET HARBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY - PLANNER 2016-2018

Day	Date	Activity	Notes	Venue
Tuesday	05/01/16	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Wednesday	06/01/16	Committee		Scotland Road
Tuesday	12/01/16	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	19/01/16	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	26/01/16	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	02/02/16	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	09/02/16	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	16/02/16	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	23/02/16	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	01/03/16	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Saturday	05/03/16	Coffee Morning	Fund Raiser	Theatre
Tuesday	08/03/16	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Thursday	10/03/16	Committee		Scotland Road
Tuesday	15/03/16	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Saturday	19/03/16	Rehearsal 12		Methodist Church
Saturday	19/03/16	Spring Concert	"Music of Melody and Harmony" feat. Dvorak Mass in D	
Tuesday	22/03/16	social		TBC
		Easter Break		
Tuesday	05/04/16	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	12/04/16	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	19/04/16	Rehearsal 3	anselm not available	Methodist Church
Tuesday	26/04/16	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	03/05/16	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Thursday	05/05/16	Committee		TBA
Tuesday	10/05/16	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	17/05/16	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	24/05/16	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	31/05/16	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Tuesday	07/06/16	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	14/06/16	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Saturday	18/06/16	Outside Event	Fund Raiser for Church	Church Langton
Tuesday	21/06/16	Rehearsal 12		Methodist Church
Saturday	25/06/16	Rehearsal 13		Methodist Church
Saturday	25/06/16	Summer Concert	"Carnival of the Animals" - with Harborough Band	
Tuesday	28/06/16	Social ??	TBC	
Tuesday	04/07/16	Rehearsal for GB		
Thursday	07/07/16	Committee		TBA
Friday	08/07/16	Outside Event	Great Bowden Music Fest	Great Bowden
		Summer Break		
Tuesday	06/09/16	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Thursday	08/09/16	Committee		TBA
Tuesday	13/09/16	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	20/09/16	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Saturday	24/09/16	Outside Event	Fundraiser for RSA TBC	Robert Smyth
Tuesday	27/09/16	Rehearsal 4	AGM	Methodist Church
Tuesday	04/10/16	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	11/10/16	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	18/10/16	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Saturday	22/10/16	Coffee Morning	Fund Raiser	Theatre
Tuesday	25/10/16	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	01/11/16	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Tuesday	08/11/16	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Saturday	12/11/16	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church

Saturday	12/11/16	Autumn Concert	Rutter Requiem & British composers	
Tuesday	15/11/16	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	22/11/16	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	29/11/16	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	06/12/16	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	13/12/16	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Saturday	17/12/16	Rehearsal 6		Jubilee Hall
Saturday	17/12/16	Christmas	A Celebration for Christmas	Jubilee Hall
		Christmas Break		
Tuesday	03/01/17	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	10/01/17	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	17/01/17	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	24/01/17	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	31/01/17	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	07/02/17	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	14/02/17	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	21/02/17	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	28/02/17	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Saturday	04/03/17	Coffee Morning	Fund Raiser	Theatre
Tuesday	07/03/17	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	14/03/17	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Tuesday	21/03/17	Rehearsal 12		Methodist Church
Saturday	25/03/17	Spring Concert	Choral Classics from Europe	
Tuesday	28/03/17	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	04/04/17	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	11/04/17	Social Evening		Methodist Church
		Easter Break		Methodist Church
Tuesday	25/04/17	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	02/05/17	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	09/05/17	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	16/05/17	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	23/05/17	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	30/05/17	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	06/06/17	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Tuesday	13/06/17	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	20/06/17	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Saturday	24/06/17	Summer Concert	Celtic Connections	
Tuesday	27/06/17	Social Evening		
		Summer Break		
50th Anniversary Season - provisional details still being finalised - all below subject to change				
Tuesday	05/09/17	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	12/09/17	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	19/09/17	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	26/09/17	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
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Tuesday	31/10/17	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Tuesday	07/11/17	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	14/11/17	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Saturday	18/11/17	Autumn Concert	Messiah (Brass Band arr - with Harborough Band?)	
Tuesday	21/11/17	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	28/11/17	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	05/12/17	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	12/12/17	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	19/12/17	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church

Saturday	23/12/17	Rehearsal 6		TBC
Saturday	23/12/17	Christmas	Christmas - with other Choirs ?	
		Christmas Break		
Tuesday	02/01/18	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	09/01/18	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	16/01/18	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	23/01/18	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
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Tuesday	06/03/18	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	13/03/18	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Tuesday	20/03/18	Rehearsal 12		Methodist Church
Saturday	24/03/18	Spring Concert	"Worlds Top Choruses" (Harb Orch & Guest Soloist?)	
Tuesday	27/03/18	social evening		
		Easter Break		Methodist Church
Tuesday	10/04/18	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Tuesday	17/04/18	Rehearsal 2		Methodist Church
Tuesday	25/04/18	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Tuesday	01/05/18	Rehearsal 4		Methodist Church
Tuesday	08/05/18	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
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Tuesday	29/05/18	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	05/06/18	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
Tuesday	12/06/18	Rehearsal 10		Methodist Church
Tuesday	19/06/18	Rehearsal 11		Methodist Church
Saturday	23/06/18	Summer Concert	"Fields of Gold"- best of summer Golden Anniv	
Tuesday	26/06/18	Social Evening		
		Summer Break		