

Market Harborough Choral Society

Newsletter

July 2016



Photo: Andrew Carpenter

This newsletter for members and friends of the Choral Society provides you with information about what is and has been going on for the choir as well as an updated planner with details of future events.

There are several items in this newsletter that ask for responses to various members of the committee, so please check the details. Contact details are:

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Important Announcement

Special Concerts in September

We are doing two community concerts in September:

Saturday 17 September 7.30pm Church Langton (to aid Church fund raising)
(Richard will MD)

Saturday 24 September 7.30 pm Robert Smyth Academy (to aid the continued Hall improvement project) with Harborough Band (Anselm will MD)

At both we will sing items from the Summer Concert, items from the Great Bowden Festival, and others (perhaps the short and simple ones we are doing for the Autumn concert). Soloists / small groups will be approached by MDs)

Please note these in your diary. A larger choir is needed for the 24 September concert Please commit to either or both. **Please can you reply to Sue Macdonald asap to confirm you are able to sing in one or both.**

Rehearsals for both of these concerts will be held at the following times

7.30pm Tue 30 August (Methodist Church) (one week before our term officially begins!)

9.30pm Tue 6 September *

9.30pm Tue 13 September *

9.30pm Tue 20 September * (RSA concert only).

There may be need for one additional rehearsal but that will be decided later.

* could start earlier subject to MD agreement.

On **Friday 8th July** at 7.30pm, a group from the choir will be taking part in Great Bowden Fest. We will be contributing to '*Music of the Night*' with the whole programme devoted to favourites from many musicals. We are led to believe that tickets are selling very well! Details can be found at www.greatbowdenmusicfest.co.uk

Summer Social

We are having a social event – a Summer Buffet – at The Shoulder of Mutton, Gt Bowden on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30. The buffet will cost £7.95 per head. We will have the restaurant at the back of the pub and in the (possibly unlikely!) event of a fine evening we can spill over into the garden. **Please let me (Neil Ryrie, that is!) know by the evening of Tuesday 5th July if you wish to attend** so I can confirm numbers. I can be contacted by email, phone call or text – details at the top and bottom of the newsletter.

Other News

Secretary

As you are probably aware, Sue Macdonald has decided that after 4 years in the role she is ready to step down and allow someone else the chance of working with the committee as Secretary. This is key position in the smooth running of the choir and as a Society we owe a debt of gratitude to Sue for her incredibly efficient work. I, for one, will miss her support as she was so helpful in keeping me on track!

We are delighted to report that Trevena Champion has volunteered her services to succeed Sue and will be gradually picking up the reins over the coming weeks.

Support for the Librarian

I announced recently that our Librarian, Christine Pierce, will be away for a few weeks in the coming winter and so we need someone who can cover for her at that time. Please discuss with Christine who would be happy to describe what the task involves.

Programme editing/production

Pauline Rainey took on this task recently and has been doing, I am sure you will all agree, a fine job. We all enjoyed the little pictures in the Carnival of the Animals programme. We are grateful for her efficient and effective efforts here.

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 any committee member.

Summer concert 2017

It's time to think about next year's summer concert which will feature items drawn from the Celtic parts of the British Isles. We are inviting the choir members to contribute to the selection of music and to suggest favourite Scottish, Irish, Welsh and Cornish songs. So, if you have origins in these parts or you would simply like to suggest a favourite item, you are

encouraged to highlight particular songs you would like the choir to sing. If you know or have a choir arrangement so much the better. Please email Steve Pointer: stephenpointer62@gmail.com and he will discuss further with our Musical Directors.

Social Visit to the Proms Saturday 20 August 2016 Mozart Mass in C Minor

Five people are planning to go to the Proms on Saturday 20 August and to take part in a BBC Come and Sing Event. There is room for more, although we would need to take an additional car. If you are interested - please contact Stephen Pointer on 07818 587702 or stephenpointer62@gmail.com. Steve will book seats and arrange for join the Come and Sing. We would share fuel costs to drive to Stanmore and the seats in the circle are approx. £15. Other things are free, apart from meals.

Potential Programme for the day:

08:00 Drive to Stanmore Tube and travel in (Day Travelcard needed)

10:00 Time in London

12:00 Early lunch together

13:00 Imperial College Union, (near Royal Albert Hall)

Join **Mary King and the BBC Singers** to sing excerpts from Mozart's Mass in C minor. Experience in sight-reading or a knowledge of the piece is an advantage but not essential.

15:30 Kensington Gardens (picnic?)

17:45 Imperial College Union **Timothy Jones introduces Mozart's Mass in C minor.**

19:30 Royal Albert Hall - **PROM 46 – including Mozart's Mass in C minor**

(details here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/events/eh2gwh>)

21:30 Tube back to Stanmore and drive home

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.

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Chair, MH Choral Society June 2016

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MARKET HARBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY - PLANNER 2016-2018

Day	Date	Activity	Notes	Venue
Wednesday	06/07/16	Committee		79 Scotland Rd
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
Saturday	17/9/16	Concert	Fundraiser for St Peter's Church	Church Langton
Tuesday	20/09/16	Rehearsal 3		Methodist Church
Saturday	24/09/16	Outside Event	Fundraiser for Robert Smyth Academy	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
Tuesday	15/11/16	Rehearsal 1		Methodist Church
Saturday	19/11/16	Autumn Concert	Rutter Requiem & British composers	
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
Tuesday	03/10/17	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	10/10/17	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	17/10/17	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	24/10/17	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
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
Tuesday	30/01/18	Rehearsal 5		Methodist Church
Tuesday	06/02/18	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church
Tuesday	13/02/18	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
Tuesday	20/02/18	Rehearsal 8		Methodist Church
Tuesday	27/02/18	Rehearsal 9		Methodist Church
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
Tuesday	15/05/18	Rehearsal 6		Methodist Church

Tuesday	22/05/18	Rehearsal 7		Methodist Church
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		