



St Peter's Singers

Summer Newsletter

Dear Choir

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break, despite the excessive heat - I am sure we are all keen to get back to singing again.

May seems a long time ago when we joined forces with the WSO and the EVR choir from France to perform Verdi's 'Requiem' at the Philharmonic Hall. It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all who took part, and by those who came to listen to it. Some of our members went to Normandy a few weeks later and performed it twice more - again a very enjoyable experience.

The Advent concert (Vivaldi 'Magnificat' and 'Gloria', plus Haydn 'St Nicolas Mass') was very well attended and a great pleasure to take part in - and a tribute to Adrian who stayed very calm (on the outside) when one soloist woke up without a voice on the morning of the concert - but all was well in the end.

We managed to fit in a successful Come And Sing afternoon in March, when Joe Cooper, Director of Music at Bangor University, put us through our paces with Stainer's 'Crucifixion'. Again, a most enjoyable event which also contributed to the Choir finances.

Belonging to a choir also has its social side and we try to provide opportunities for you to mix with your fellow singers - at choir rehearsals we tend to get to know the back of the head of the person in front rather than getting to know them properly. This year we had a good attendance at the Christmas social, where the mulled wine and mince pies helped us puzzle over a couple of musical quizzes as well as singing some carols - plus a lot of chat!

In the Spring term, Mary Rees kindly hosted an enjoyable coffee morning at her house - there was plenty of talk and a considerable amount was raised for choir funds.

In the summer we were extremely lucky with the weather for the salmon and strawberries Garden Party lunch - there was plenty of opportunity to meet people and once again, it helped swell our funds.

Of course, none of these events organise themselves and it is down to the efforts of your committee that anything happens at all. It has been my privilege to work with those excellent committee members this year and I do thank them for all they do. Mary Rees has now left the committee - thank you for your innovations and input, Mary. We would very much like to hear from someone - or two people who would like to share a role - who would enjoy taking over the social side of our events. Being involved is the best way to get to know people - do contact me or any committee member if you would like to talk it through.

During the year, the Port Sunlight Choral Society sadly had to close down. They have donated to us all their sheet music, which we hire out to other societies plus a very welcome sum of £500 from their residual funds. We are very grateful to them for thinking of us.

And now to the coming year - our 50th Anniversary!

Sunday rehearsals (7.45-9pm) start on September 6th. Scores for our French-themed Advent concert will be available to hire for £5.

There will be **half term break on October 25th**

The Advent concert is on November 28th at the Lighthouse Church.

There will be a **Christmas social** the following **Sunday (December 6th)** at St Peter's Centre

Rehearsals resume on January 10th

The Easter concert (Haydn's 'The Creation') is on March 20th

As ever, it would be greatly appreciated if those able to could get to rehearsals a little earlier to help set out chairs - and help put them away at the end.

In due course there will be information about an event to celebrate our 50th anniversary - watch this space!

Looking forward to seeing you on September 6th.

Suzanne

