

CHESH VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

CHOIR NEWS

Rehearsal Venue Change

Please note that the rehearsal scheduled for Tuesday 16 Feb will be held at Hivings Free Church, Upper Belmont Road, Chesham, HP5 2DB

AGM

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Chess Valley Male Voice Choir will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 March 2010 at our normal rehearsal venue. Please contact the secretary if you wish to raise any issues.

Concert Attendance

We have some very interesting concerts coming up. Please do your best to support them. In particular could you make every attempt to support the concert on Sat 24 April at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted. We are hosting the Damon Singers and the Hemel Hempstead Singers and there will be some very exciting communal singing with these choirs.

NAC Conference Rehearsal

This rehearsal will take place at 1pm for a 1.15pm start. It is scheduled to finish at 3.30pm. The venue is Kingshott School, near Hitchin. SG4 7JX

The school is off J8 of the A1 on the A 602 to Hitchin. I am suggesting that we share cars. Please contact me if you have a problem.

NAC Conference Concert Tickets

Tickets are available from Tony Usher at £10 each until Tues 9 Feb. After that they will cost £12 each.

Please see him at the rehearsal, phone or send an email.

Membership

We welcome Andrew Bright to the second basses and Tony Moody to the first tenors. It is also good to have Richard Jordan back in action with the second tenors. Please make them feel at home.

CONCERT PROGRAMME

1 CONCERT 6 MARCH

Methodist Church, Bellingdon Road, Chesham

Participants: CVMVC + Soloists from the Church

Programme:

When the Saints
The Lord is my Shepherd (Goodall)
Rhythm of Life [from memory]
Ar hyd y nos
High Germany [from memory]
You raise me up [from memory]
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen
Battle-Hymn of the Republic from memory
INTERVAL

Sloop John B
Eriskay Lovelilt
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Alexander's Ragtime Band
I dreamed a dream
Ain't misbehavin'
Chattanooga Choo-choo
Llanfair

Encore, if needed: The Chiltern Hills

2 NAC CONCERT, 20 MARCH

Concert Venue: The Princess Helena College, Hitchin, Herts SG4 7RT

Participants: 7 Choirs including CVMVC from our region (Thames North) of the National Association of Choirs

Occasion: Concert as part of the NAC annual national conference

Rehearsals:

- 27 February. Venue to be advised. Concert organisers say "All singers that are performing will be required to attend".
- On concert day, to be advised

Concert: starts 7.30

NB Concert organisers require all items to be sung from memory

Programme:

CVMVC Solo Items

You raise me up

High Germany

Song on May Morning

Massed Items

Battle Hymn of the Republic (opens the concert)

Rhythm of Life (ends 1st Half)

Voice (One closes concert)

3 WEDDING 17 APRIL

Venue: St Mary's, Old Amersham HP7 0BD

Parking: Public car park near by off High Street

Choir Seating Area: South Transept

'Green Room': back of South Transept (so that bags etc are hidden from the camera's view)

Set-up and Rehearsal: 11.15 am – 12.00 [NB Organist rehearses from Noon, and starts pre-Service music around 12.40]

Wedding: 13.00

Music

Entrance of the Bride Choir not involved

Hymns (from seating position in South Transept): **Morning has broken (3vv)**
How great Thou art (4vv)

During Service: **The Lord's Prayer** **A H Malotte arranged C Deis**

During Signing of Register (singing from Chancel Step):

Ar hyd y nos

You Raise Me Up

An Eriskay Love Lilt

Gwahoddiad

traditional arr D Cooke

Graham & Lovland arr R Emerson

arr H S Robertson

Gwylt & Hartshough arr J T Davies

Choir moves back to S Transept immediately after singing

Prayers

Hymn (from South Transept): **One more step along the way (5vv)**

Recessional Choir not involved

4 CONCERT 24 APRIL

St Peter's, Berkhamsted, with the Hemel Hempstead Singers and the Damon Singers

Programme (provisional)

You raise me up
Praise (Karl Jenkins)
The Lord is my Shepherd (Goodall)
Veni sancte spiritus (Janacek)

Joint item:

Kyrie - Widor from Mass for 2 Choirs and 2 Organs

INTERVAL

Sloop John B
Ar hyd y nos
High Germany
Just a Closer Walk with Thee
One more river Warlock

Joint item:

Sanctus & Benedictus – G Gabrieli for 3 Choirs (2 organs will accompany); CVMVC
sing Choir 3

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

NB if time permits, any rehearsal may contain a recap of music worked on during an earlier rehearsal

NBB the music for the 20 March concert is to be from memory; 20 March pieces which we're performing on 6 March will also be from memory then.

February

- 2 – Rhythm of life from memory
Song on May Morning revive
Veni Sancte Spiritus detailed work
You raise me up revive
Just a Closer Walk with Thee pages 8-12
Gabrieli 'Sanctus' singthrough
One Voice from memory

- 9 – Widor Kyrie revive
Song on May Morning from memory
Just a Closer Walk with Thee page 13 to end
You raise me up from memory
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen revive
Battle-Hymn revive

- 16 – Pieces for Wedding
Gabrieli 'Sanctus' detail
1st Half 6 March concert including Rhythm, High Germany, You raise me up,
Battle-Hymn from memory

- 23 – Hymns for Wedding
Run NAC pieces
2nd Half 6 March concert

- Saturday 27 – Rehearsal in [??Stevenage??] for NAC concert

March

- 2 – Widor 'Kyrie' singthrough
Music for 6 March concert as necessary
- Saturday 6 – Concert at Methodist Church; rehearsal in afternoon if necessary
- 9 – 2nd Half 24 April programme
Run 20 March music
- 16 – Music for 20 March concert
As time permits 1st Half 24 April programme
- Saturday 20 – NAC concert Hitchin
- 23 – Run programme for 24 April
Detailed work as necessary

April

- 6 – Music for Wedding (8.10 – 8.35)
Detailed work on pieces for 24 April (8.35 – 9.45)
- 13 – Music for Wedding (8.10 – 8.45)
Detailed work on pieces for 24 April (8.45 – 9.45)
- Saturday 17 – Wedding (Chris Palmer's daughter)
- 20 – All pieces for 24 April concert
- Saturday 24 – Afternoon rehearsal (3 Choirs); Evening Concert at St Peter's,
Berkhamsted

SECTION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tues 2 Feb	First Basses
Tues 9 Feb	Second Basses
Tues 16 Feb [Hivings Free Church]	First Tenors
Tues 23 Feb	Second Tenors
Tues 2 March	First Basses
Tues 9 March	Second Basses
Tues 16 March	AGM
Tues 23 March	First Tenors
Tues 30 March	Second Tenors

CHOIR DIARY 2010

Sat 27 Feb	Rehearsal at Stevenage for NAC Conference concert
Sat 6 Mar	Concert at Bellingdon Road Methodist Church, Chesham <i>A concert in aid of funds for the church. Our rehearsal venue.</i>
Sat 20 March	NAC Conference concert, Stevenage
Sat 17 April	Wedding at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham <i>We have been invited to sing at the wedding of Helen Palmer. Chris Palmer's daughter.</i>
Sat 24 April	Concert at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted <i>A concert with Hemel Hempstead Singers and Damon Singers</i>

Mon 14 June to Thurs 17 June

Yorkshire Tour. Tues lunchtime concert in Wakefield Cathedral
Wed Joint evening concert with Honley MVC,
Thurs lunchtime concert in Ripon Cathedral

Thurs 22 July St Alban's Cathedral

A lunchtime concert in St Alban's Cathedral.

Sat 6 Nov A concert in St Mary's Church, Old Amersham

Sat 18 Dec A Christmas Concert in Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham

Dec? Heritage House Carol Concert, St Mary's Church, Chesham

Tues 21 Dec Choir Christmas Party

CHOIR WEB SITE

You are encouraged to use the Choir Web Site on www.chessvalley.org.uk for the latest update on performances and rehearsals.

If you log onto Amazon please do it via the Choir website as the Choir then receive commission on all sales.

We made £20 over Christmas. Keep it up!

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