

## **NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2016**

Dear All,

The choir tour to Woodham Walter at the start of July brought our season to a final, and very happy, close. After some rather trying travelling conditions on the Saturday, all the choir arrived safely and we gave a very warmly received performance of our 'It's raining cats and dogs' programme, followed by a very sociable meal at the Mill House Hotel. The concert was in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance which was very personal to Stephen Carter (the Rector of the Benefice) as it undoubtedly saved his son's life – the collection at the end reflected this and raised an absolutely staggering £1,044! We know that individual choir members were very generous in their contributions – thank you.

### **Concert plans**

Many of you, but not all, will already know the plans for next season. The details of concert and rehearsal dates are set out on the final page so you can print them off separately. Concert dates are easy to remember – the first Sunday in December and the last Sundays in March and June.

The December programme will be Bach's B Minor Mass (selected movements) – for your information the movements (in 4 part SATB) we are definitely singing will be the second Kyrie (Alla breve) Gratias, Dona nobis. Obviously these are not the only movements, but where the ladies voices split into three we will not be deciding the divisions until we meet again in September.

The edition we are using is by Bärenreiter. We understand that the copies are virtually new and have been informed that any markings should be made lightly in pencil or we will be charged for replacements.

There will be a hire charge of £3.00 per copy and it would be much appreciated by both Colin Marchant (our Treasurer) and our ever patient and efficient librarians if you could add this to the amount you pay for your subscription.

In March we will be singing two works – John Rutter's 'Feel the Spirit' and Karl Jenkins' 'Mass for Peace' Suite – though some of us (Ray!) may have to eat a lot of humble pie in respect of the Jenkins; there is no denying that it will suit the choir extremely well and it is well-known to audiences. We will be performing this with instrumental ensemble and those of you who know the Rutter, in particular, will know how effective that is.

In June we will return to Broadway again – this is always a very difficult term in terms of attendance and we realise that is inevitable that people are going to be unavoidably away – given that, we need a programme that allows us to be flexible in what we do (or don't do!) and a Broadway programme allows us to do just that.

### **Subscriptions & Payment**

As you can see below, the Subscription(s) will remain unchanged for the third year running. We felt it might be helpful to explain why this is possible.

- We have very careful management and oversight of expenditure/income by Colin our Treasurer

- We aim to be as cost-effective in as many ways as possible i.e. publicity, producing posters, programmes, music hire etc.
- The ticket sales by you, the choir, were better than expected for the Summer Concert
- We have some very generous members in the choir - they enable us (amongst other things) to have a very good rehearsal pianist for several practices.
- Membership numbers were slightly higher than expected – particularly in the summer term.

The subscription for the coming season remain unchanged at £145

The fee(s) per term are:

Autumn £50

Spring £50

Summer £45

Prompt payment at the beginning of each term would be much appreciated.

With so many of us using internet banking these days, you may also like to pay directly into the choir bank account.

If you wish to do this, the account details are as follows:

**Bank: Lloyds Bank**

**Account name: Pro Musica**

**Account number: 00987759**

**Sort code: 30 - 94 - 63**

If you would like to pay this way, please let Colin (marchantcolin@gmail.com) know and tell him when payment has been made.

**Term & Concert Dates 2017-18 – please see final page so you can print this separately if you wish.**

### **Pro Musica Management Team**

Following Wendy's well-deserved break from serving on the Management Team, we are delighted to say that Sue Stone has agreed to be co-opted to the Team. She is, in political terms, a minister without port folio – that is to say, she is someone else to whom you can express your views and be sure that they will be heard.

### **On a practical front ...**

Just to remind you to please bring your own mug for the tea/coffee break – and take it home again for washing up!!!

If you are not able to attend a rehearsal we really appreciate it if you can let us know – a text to 07879 454379 is preferred.

### **Some sad news ...**

Some of you will be very sorry to learn that Patricia Kemp died recently. Patricia lived in Rottingdean and joined Pro Musica when we were based there and carried on singing with us once we'd moved to Lewes. After a break from the choir she came to our summer concert last year and asked if she could re-join. Although she came to the rehearsals for the Mozart C minor Mass, her granddaughter's wedding was the same weekend as the concert so she was unable to sing in the performance. Sadly, Patricia was not well enough to come to Pro Musica the next term.

### Music Reminder

We know that there were two or three members who were unable to take part in the summer concert and will still have the file of music. If you are one of these, it would be much appreciated if you could remember to return it in the new term – it will allow us to put the music away and not have it littering our living room!!

### And Finally.....

No Newsletter would be complete without a number of thanks.

So, 'thank you' to our excellent Management Team: Geoff Ellis (Chairman), Colin Marchant (Treasurer), Jane Cowper (Secretary). Also to David Nicholson our Web-Master and Coffee/Tea Monitor; to Christine and Kirstine our ever-patient librarians; and to Marjam for running the raffle.

And, not least to all of you - our members!

We will send out a very short reminder of the starting date nearer the time, but until then we hope you will be able to enjoy a good summer break.

Ray & Kathryn

### Term & Concert Dates 2017-18

Rehearsals are on Mondays at St. Anne's Church, Lewes 7.30 – 9.30pm

#### Autumn Term:

Rehearsals:

September	4, 11, 18, 25	
October	2, <u>9</u> , 16, 30	( <u>AGM -9 October</u> / No rehearsal 23 October – half-term)
November	6, 13, 20, 27*	

**CONCERT:** Sunday 3 December at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston.

#### Spring Term:

Rehearsals:

January	8, 15, 22, 29	
February	5, 19, 26	(No rehearsal 12 February – half-term)
March	5, 12, 19*	

**CONCERT:** Sunday, 25 March at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston

#### Summer Term:

Rehearsals:

April	16, 23, 30	
May	15, 22	(No rehearsals on 7 or 28 May – Bank Holidays)
June	4, 11, 18*	

**CONCERT:** Sunday, 24 June at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston

\*These rehearsals will take place at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston