

DRYBROOK & DISTRICT LADIES CHOIR NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

DIARY DATES

CANCELLATIONS:

SAT 10th JUNE FOREST CHURCH CONCERT

MON 26th JUNE: 2pm 'Dora Matthews House' Coleford (old library)

WEDS 28th JUNE: time tbc Probable Concert Ruardean Church

SAT 8th JULY: 7pm Forest Church Bursary Concert

WEDS: in July 7pm AGM

Happy Holidays

WEDS 6th SEPT: 7pm Bandroom resume practice

WEDS 4th OCT: Ruardean Hill Baptist Church Concert with Mathern MVC

SAT 2nd DEC: Drybrook RFC to sing 7.30 – 8pm for Breast Cancer

WEDS 13th DEC: 7.15pm Possible Forest Church Xmas Concert

Dear Ladies,

What a fantastic experience we had singing in Gloucester Cathedral for the Annual NAC (National Assn. of Choirs) AGM Celebratory Concert. Thousands of pounds were raised for charity at the concert with seven choirs taking part from across Gloucestershire – 5 Male choirs, 2 Ladies choirs and one mixed voice choir. Thanks go to every one of you for your commitment to this event, including the joint rehearsals with Wide Valley Singers and the whole day in Gloucester on the day. The experience of singing in a choir of over 200 voices will stay with us for the rest of our lives I am sure, giving us all lovely musical memories to cherish.

TWO CANCELLATIONS: As you can see from the Diary above, Forest Church have had to cancel their planned 200th Anniversary Concert on **SAT 10th June**. Unfortunately, it clashes with the special musical weekend planned for Lydbrook Church as well as other events in the area.

Kelly Jones has also cancelled the choir for her wedding at Parkend Church on **SAT June 24th**. They decided to not have a choir after all.

NEW DATE: Ruardean Church would like us to do a concert for them **on WEDS 28th June time tbc – 7pm or 7.30pm** and we will organise supporting artistes for this one.

REPORTS and REVIEWS:

Spring Fayre: Thanks to everyone who gave donations, time or efforts to raise funds at this annual event. Though not as well attended as usual, we raised over £500 for funds. Well done!

Choir Meal: Special thanks to Chris for organising this event. The food was plentiful and piping hot. Once again, the 'Secret Santa Swop!' was great entertainment!

Wide Valley Singers Visit: We were able to welcome the Wide Valley Singers on a return visit to Drybrook Bandroom for a joint rehearsal for the Big Concert at The Cathedral. Both choirs learned something new – They sang without copies and we sang in an alternative formation. Who knows what may come of our joint efforts this spring?

Gloucester Cathedral NAC Concert: A wonderful opportunity for the seven choirs from Gloucestershire to showcase their musical talents. Churchdown MVC, who co-ordinated the event, said that the NAC committee gave very positive feed-back, saying it was one of the best NAC concerts they had been to – and most of them are professional musicians. It's such a great pity that our local papers failed to publish the excellent write-up that Teresa sent in along with a super photograph. At least we had good coverage on BBC Radio Gloucestershire on the day.

Berry Hill Band Concert: Christchurch Church has fabulous acoustics so it is always a joy to perform there. An excellent evening of music of all genres by both the Band and choir was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Bursary Audition: With Rosita having cancelled in the last week, there was just one applicant at the 19th Margaret Rose Bursary auditions - Jack Lythaby. The committee felt that Jack was a worthy candidate, and so the audition went ahead as planned. After some deliberation, the judges decided to award the Bursary to Jack. We look forward to seeing him again at the Bursary Concert on 8th July at Forest Church when we will meet with last year's winner Lauren Thornell.

COMING NEXT:

SAT 27th MAY 1pm English Bicknor Church: Please be there for 12.30pm. After her visit to the Bandroom, Sarah, being a huge Abba fan, selected 3 songs from our repertoire for us to sing - Super Trouper, The Rose, & Thank you for the Music.

MON 26th JUNE 2pm Dora Matthews House Coleford: for those who are free to come along in the daytime - to sing for the residents for an hour. They are all disabled either physically or mentally, some with dementia.

We have been delighted to welcome Barbara Johns to the soprano line this term. We welcome you and hope you will enjoy singing with us Barbara, and look forward to you sharing a concert with us soon. I have been to see May now she is home from hospital. She is gaining in confidence and hopes to join us at choir soon just to sit in and listen.

I wish you all a wonderful summer with restful holidays and the joy of returning in September to singing Christmas songs. Yes!!!!

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