

## A message from Catherine & Annie

### Welcome to our first 'Cantata Newsletter'.



This informative little missive should keep you up to date with all that is happening in the world of Cantata.

When we first set off down a symbolic yellow brick road to follow the dream of having our own music business, little did we know what joys it would bring. Yes, it's hard work (very hard at times!!) but the people we've met along the way make our job the best in the world.

And you are those people, so thank you very much.

Now sit back and enjoy reading about all the exciting things which have happened, are happening and will be happening with **Cantata**.



## Rebranding

In this day and age, keeping a high profile is all-important in running a business and to that end, thanks to inspiration from some *WAKS Lyrical* members, we have decided to re-brand ourselves so that the word *Cantata* appears in all our choir logos. We didn't want to re-name all the groups as it's important for individual choirs' identity to have its own name, so we've reached a compromise. You'll be able to see the new logos throughout the newsletter...



The re-branding, we hope, will raise not only Cantata's profile, but also the profiles of each choir and make people think, **'I've heard of them—they're good!'** So if you can forward this newsletter to anyone you know who might be interested, or to businesses etc... we'd be really grateful. We need to get our name out there in the big wide world...



## News from Poynton

And here is the first of the new logos. MAPS—*Monday Afternoon Poynton Singers*—was the first of Cantata's Daytime Choirs, formed in March 2009. Choir member Vernice Baker won the naming competition and started a Cantata trend for using acronyms!

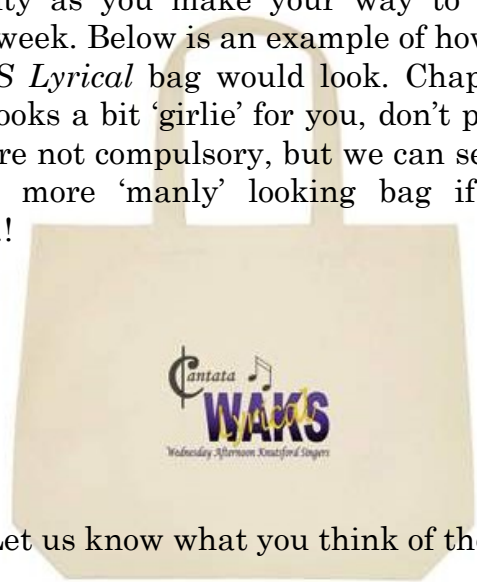
The choir, which meets from 2.00—3.30pm in St George's Church Hall, regularly numbers between 60 and 70 singers, and it is particularly pleasing to see the men's section increasing. We can now boast 14 'splendid gentlemen' in the choir—and we're almost on the verge of being able to split into tenors and basses. Exciting times ahead!!

Also meeting in Poynton on Monday evenings from 7.30pm—9.00pm is *CounterPoynt* ladies choir, which has recently moved to St Martin's Church Hall in Higher Poynton. Read more about these delightful ladies & their music-making in the next issue...



# Merchandise

At the moment we are investigating some rather nice ideas for choir merchandise. It's always handy to have an easily recognisable bag in which to keep your music folder — and give you a sense of identity as you make your way to choir each week. Below is an example of how the WAKS Lyrical bag would look. Chaps—if this looks a bit 'girlie' for you, don't panic! They're not compulsory, but we can search for a more 'manly' looking bag if you like...!



Let us know what you think of these...

## Dates for your diary:

**Fundraising concert for St George's—Sun 27th**

**Mar 7.30pm @ St G's. MAPSingers & CounterPoynt**

**Christmas concerts:**

**Friday 2nd Dec:** CounterPoynt (evening)

**Saturday 3rd Dec:** MACC (afternoon)

**Sunday 4th Dec:** WAKS Lyrical (afternoon)

**Sat 10th Dec:** MAPSingers (afternoon) at Poynton Methodist Church

**\*\*LADIES' SINGING AFTERNOON\*\***

**Put Saturday 11th June in your diaries —**

**Matt Baker is coming to Poynton!!**

Director of 'A Handbag of Harmonies'

Details to follow...



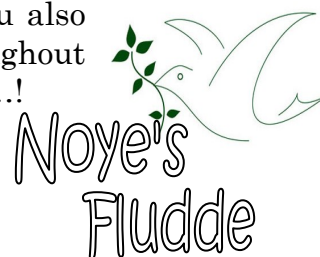
One of our smaller choirs is *Heaton Dawn Chorus* who do their singing, as the name suggests, very early in the morning! They meet before work at Heaton School in Stockport and kick-start



their Fridays with a (usually hilarious) singing session from 8.00am to 8.45am. It's a fantastic start to the day and is highly recommended for any group of people who work together (it doesn't have to be at 8am!) Maybe you know of a company, school or business who would like a short series of singing sessions for their employees, possibly working towards some charity fund-raising. It's amazing what can be achieved in say 6 weeks. And the great thing about singing is that it is a level playing field—it doesn't matter if you're the managing director or the janitor, everyone can benefit from singing alongside others. And it's a fantastic team-builder. Let us know if you have contacts in any such businesses or companies—

## NOYE'S FLUDDE UPDATE

We've just had to submit the final report on this, the biggest project we've ever undertaken. You'll be pleased to hear that on reviewing it, we were able to tick off almost all of the objectives we'd set out to achieve, which is extremely satisfying. We'd like to thank all of you who took part in that project and helped to make our dream come true. Thank you also for keeping us sane throughout the months leading up to it...!



Look out for news of  
**Cantata MACC,**  
**Cantata WAKS Lyrical**  
and the **MATT BAKER singing afternoon**  
in the next issue...



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