



### A message from Catherine & Annie

Welcome to this special issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'

After the excitement of Chester and Son Rise, life in the world of Cantata Music Education has continued to be a roller coaster!

In this issue you can read news of a soggy day at Tatton, the Diamond Jubilee, an orchestral debut and a 65th wedding anniversary...



Over 100 of us had a lovely afternoon at Tatton Park on May 20th, where we were able to enjoy our picnics in the garden - until we were 'gently reprimanded' for sitting in full view of the Big House & had to move!! The rehearsal on the Mansion steps was fantastic and it was great to see a sea of purple on a lovely dry day. The same could not be said for the big day itself when we all resembled drowned rats! However, the Cantata Spirit wasn't dampened and we gave a stunning performance in the pouring rain, although a certain MP, who shall remain nameless, didn't even acknowledge our efforts... The rest of the audience was very appreciative and we all felt the buzz of excitement at being involved in one of those 'Once in a Lifetime' events. And Matt was brilliant at keeping everyone entertained with his accordion - 'Singing in the Rain' has never been a more appropriate choice of song!





# Poynton Jubilee

The Poynton Jubilee celebrations turned out to be far beyond our wildest dreams. It was a totally mad weekend, with wall-to-wall events which left Catherine & Annie completely exhausted but very exhilarated!

One of the highlights was definitely the Friday night, when Cantata Choirs & the Royal British Legion Concert Band kicked off the proceedings. The Civic Hall was PACKED, the atmosphere was electric and when we got going with the flag-waving, there was no stopping us. It was a truly memorable evening. Thank you to the 160+ Cantata Choristers who took part. Poynton was talking about it for weeks afterwards!



## Poynton Community Orchestra

The orchestra has just finished its first season. Formed in September last year, it is compiled of players aged 18+ who are predominantly Grade V and below. Many have taken up an instrument later in life, or haven't played their first instrument for many, many (in one case 50) years! Their first concert, at St Martin's on July 21st, was a resounding success, when the orchestra wowed their audience with a fantastic mixed programme under the baton of conductor Nigel Jay. Bridgewater Hall, here we come!



Congratulations to George & Teresa Sanderson who have recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Here they are celebrating with their friends at WAKS Lyrical.



## DIARY DATES:

**Sun 9th Dec: 1- 3pm** Tatton Home Farm  
**Mon 10th Dec: 8pm** CounterPoynt @ St Martin's  
**Weds 12th Dec: 11am** Wowsingers @ Chapel Court  
**Weds 12th Dec: 4pm** WAKSLyrical, Venue TBC  
**Weds 12th Dec: Poynton Christmas Concert? TBC**  
**Thurs 13th Dec: 3.30pm** MACC @ St Paul's TBC  
**Sat 15th Dec: 1-3pm** Tatton Home Farm  
**Mon 17th Dec: 3.30pm** MAPSingers @ St George's

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