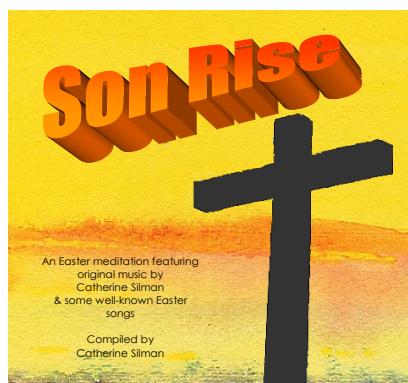




A message from Catherine & Annie
Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'

Well, what an eventful few months we've had!
Cantata Choirs have been broadcast across the world,
we've made our first CD and performed in the cultural
Olympiad in Chester; as well as ongoing preparations for
the big Jubilee Weekend...

Busy busy! Read on...



On Tuesday 20th March, the combined Cantata Daytime Choirs came together and recorded their first CD at St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton. It was an exciting morning—beginning for Annie & Catherine at 7.30am when we arrived to get everything set up with Steven, our lovely sound recordist. Singers began arriving just after 8.30 and by 9.30am we were ready to roll.

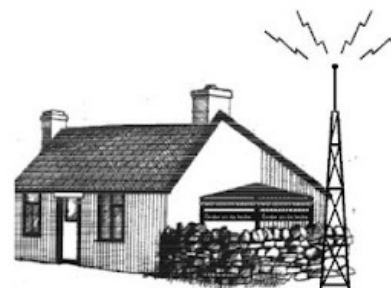
Such was the outstanding discipline of the singers that we didn't have to do several takes of each track as predicted.

Quite the opposite in fact—Steven was very pleased with the quality of the individual songs and consequently we rattled through the recording at a great pace and the choir had finished by lunchtime! However, Monica still had to record her readings and by the time we'd completed the full recording, it was closer to 2pm.

We were then thrown into a bit of a panic the following week when the promised CD for Two Lochs Radio failed to arrive... and was then discovered two days later at a different address! Good thing its destination was a very small community.

It was good to hear the choir singing their hearts out during the Holy Week broadcasts and again in the 'omnibus' on Easter Sunday. Well done to everyone who took part. Two Lochs had to adapt our recording to fit with their chosen readings for the week, but all in all it worked well and the radio station has had a lot of positive feedback regarding our performance.

At the time of writing, we're 'almost there' with getting the CD production line in place. It's a complicated business when you're new to it! With a bit of luck we should have 200 copies rolling off the production line in the near future and then we can all say we're 'recorded artists'.



TWO LOCHS RADIO

Mission accomplished!

Poynton Jubilee

It's all happening this year!!

THE JUBILEE CONCERT

Friday 1st June, Poynton Civic Hall, 7.30pm

Cantata Choirs &
the Royal British Legion Concert Band

Please be at the Civic Hall for 6.15pm for 'logistical arrangements'. If you feel you can't stand for 20mins or so at a time, please let us know. There will be a 'seated' row at the front of the choir to allow for lots of levels. Please don't feel you can't come because you can't stand—it's your *voice* we want, not your legs!

DRESS CODE:

Daytimers: Black trousers/skirts & white tops (ladies—if you have your own purple/lilac 'scarf' please bring it with you)

CounterPoynt & Dawn Chorus: Black trousers/skirts & purple/lilac tops

**And don't forget your
Union Jacks!**



Tickets £5 (U12s free) from:

- Poynton Civic Hall
- poyntonjubileetickets@gmail.com
- tickets@poyntonfestival.org

DIARY DATES:

Tues 8th May: 7.30pm—9.30pm Tatton 'Across the World' rehearsal at Poynton Methodist Church (with Matt) Bring your own refreshments.

Mon 21st May: 7pm—10pm Joint Cantata Choirs rehearsal for Proms Concert. St George's Church, Poynton. £3 on the night.

Weds 23rd May: 8pm Rehearsal for Proms Concert with RBL Band. Poynton British Legion, George's Road West. This isn't a compulsory rehearsal; it's just to get a feel for singing with the Band and to check speeds etc but a good turnout from local people would be appreciated and it should be an enjoyable rehearsal. If you don't live in Poynton, you're welcome to make the journey but don't feel obliged.

Sun 20th May: 12pm—4pm Reh at Tatton

Thurs 31st May: 11am (& 1pm?) Across the World performance at Tatton Park. Be there for **9.00am** unless told otherwise!

Fri 1st June: 7.30pm Jubilee Proms Concert at Poynton Civic Hall (see above)

Sun 9th Dec: TBC 1- 3pm Tatton Home Farm

Sat 15th Dec: TBC 1-3pm Tatton Home Farm



Son Rise recording

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Left: Pauline & Joyce from MAPS enjoy 'lunch with the Queen' during the Cultural Olympiad 'Across the World' event at Chester.

Below: the Cantata Collective assembled in the sunshine.



SUMMER CONCERT DATES:

We found last year that the concept of having refreshments *before* the concert worked very well so we'll do that again. The times listed below are the times for the start of the **CONCERT**, not the refreshments.

Mon 23rd July: 8pm CounterPoynt at St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton

Mon 6th August: 7.30pm MAPSingers at St George's Church, Poynton

Weds 8th Aug: 11am Wowsingers Coffee Concert at Chapel Court, Hawthorn Street, Wilmslow

Weds 8th Aug: 4.00pm WAKS Lyrical at Toft Cricket Club

Thurs 9th Aug: 3.00pm M.A.C.C. at St Paul's Church, Glegg Street, Macclesfield.

WB Mon 13th Aug: No choirs until September. Have a well-deserved break!

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