



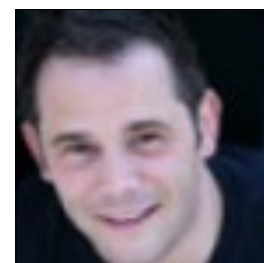
**A message from Catherine & Annie**  
**Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'**

Since our New Year issue, we've managed to fix the dates of most of our summer concerts and, following our success at Christmas, we've been invited back to Tatton Home Farm for some more seasonal singing in December 2012! The choirs all continue to go from strength to strength and the orchestra is also picking up new players. All good news for the musical life of East Cheshire!



# Across the World

with Matt Baker



January 12th saw 140 singers from the massed Cantata Choirs coming together at Poynton Methodist Church in preparation for the big Cultural Olympiad event at Chester Amphitheatre on March 3rd. During the 3-hour rehearsal, it soon became clear that we had an outstanding choir for this event and Matt was mightily relieved to be able to confidently tick the Cheshire East box! He was really impressed with the blend of the voices. Well done everyone who was there. Of course, it wasn't simply preparation for Chester—we were also laying the foundations for the Olympic Torch event at Tatton Hall on May 31st. Since then, we've been keeping the *Across the World* anthem ticking over in weekly rehearsals and now the 99 singers in the Chester contingent are looking forward to seeing how it all fits together on 26th February, followed by the 'real thing' on March 3rd.

Participating in something like this is always a very uplifting experience and although our part may seem very small, when we actually join together with the huge cast of singers, dancers and actors in March, we think everyone will be very glad to have had the opportunity to be an important part of the event. Remember, we are a quarter of the total choir—that's a big portion!



On Tuesday 20th March, members of the Daytime Cantata Choirs will be joining forces to record *Son Rise*, which we first performed last Easter with *WAKS Lyrical* and *M.A.C.C.*

This time St Martin's Church will be transformed into the Higher Poynton Recording Studio for a day while we record the work for Two Lochs Radio, based at Gairloch on the west coast of Scotland. It will then be broadcast on Good Friday and entered into the Jerusalem Awards for religious content in local radio broadcasts.

We've engaged the services of Steven Benson, a freelance sound recordist, who will put us through our paces until we have a version suitable for broadcast. To offset the considerable cost of recording, we're then hoping to be able to sell CDs. Now *that's* something you can boast about to your families & friends!!

**Recording soon!**

# Poynton Jubilee

*It's all happening this year!!*

Not only have we got all the excitement of the Chester and Tatton events, plus the SonRise recording, but there's also the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend to look forward to, with music, dancing, art, handicrafts, food, photography, buskers—you name it, it's all happening in Poynton!

The long weekend of June 1st—5th has been set aside for the celebrations and Catherine & Annie have been working hard with all the preparations, alongside the Town Council and several Cantata choir members!

The weekend kicks off on Friday 1st June with a Proms concert to be given by the Massed Cantata Choirs and the Royal British Legion Band at the Civic Hall. Captain Hatton is busy beaver away arranging music so that the band and choirs can perform alongside each other in a fantastic 'Last Night of the Proms' style finale. Meanwhile, Catherine has been working equally hard to arrange music so that the choirs can all sing together in other parts of the concert. It should be an amazing start to the weekend.

## DIARY DATES:

**Sun 26th Feb:** 2pm *Across the World* rehearsal in Chester

**Sat 3rd March:** 10am rehearsal, 2pm performance Chester Amphitheatre, 'Across the World' event with Matt Baker

**Tues 20th March:** SonRise recording all day

**Tues 8th May:** 7.30pm—9.30pm Tatton 'Across the World' rehearsal at Poynton Methodist Church (with Matt)

**Mon 21st May:** 7pm—10pm Joint Cantata Choirs rehearsal for Proms Concert. St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton

**Weds 23rd May:** 8pm Rehearsal for Proms Concert with RBL Band. Poynton British Legion, George's Road West.

**Sun 27th May:** 4pm—6pm Rehearsal at Tatton

**Tues 29th May:** possible joint rehearsal for Proms Concert (evening)

**Thurs 31st May:** 11am (& 1pm?) Across the World performance at Tatton Park

**Fri 1st June:** 7.30pm Jubilee Proms Concert at Poynton Civic Hall

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

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



*Wilmslow on Wednesdays*

It's not often that a choir can claim to have had a 100% increase in size virtually overnight, but that's exactly what has happened with WOW

Singers in Wilmslow! Before Christmas, we had around 10-12 regular attendees but after the success of their Christmas coffee concert, that number has now increased to about 24. At the moment they are all ladies, and in due course we'll make the decision as to whether or not they become, like *CounterPoynt*, a permanent 'Ladies Choir'. They make a super sound, and have made such good progress that from February half term *WOWSingers* will be moving on to 90-minute sessions. Well done WOW ladies!



WOWSingers at their Christmas Coffee Concert

## 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 for 3 weeks. Have a well-deserved break!

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