



**A message from Catherine & Annie**  
**Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'**  
 Most of the snow seems to have gone at last, so it's probably now safe to name this the Spring newsletter! All the choirs and the orchestra have now performed their first concerts of the year, so most of this missive is devoted to that. BUT... you'll notice that there's a photo of 'the lovely Matt Baker' below. Read on to find out more...  
 And just a quick reminder that half term is the week beginning May 27th.

## An evening with Tues 21st May **Matt Baker** Poynton Methodist Church



Ladies and gentlemen from all our choirs (and anyone else who'd like to join the fun!) are warmly invited to join us on **Tuesday 21st May** at Poynton Methodist Church for a great evening of singing with the multi-talented Matt Baker. Matt is a well known musician, but more importantly he's a great friend and supporter of Cantata Choirs, following our successful collaborations last year at Chester and Tatton.

The evening, which includes light refreshments at half time, will cost **£11** if you book before April 30th (£12 from May 1st) and will run from **7pm—10pm**.

## Afternoon Tea Concert



THE place to be on Saturday 16th March was Chelford Village Hall, where WAKS Lyrical, WOW ladies and MACC got together to present a fantastic Afternoon Tea Concert to an audience of around 60 people.



The choirs presented a wide variety of pieces, including some joint items, to an appreciative audience who munched their way through a sumptuous afternoon tea provided by our hostess with the mostest, Cathy Speirs.

Well done to everyone—it was a great concert and we had some lovely feedback.





CounterPoynt Ladies Choir said farewell to one of their founder members in March.

Liz Miller (previously Liz Thompson) has set off to join her husband in the 'sunnier climes' of the Bristol area. Our history with Lizzie goes back for more years than we dare to admit to as she was one of Catherine's pupils at Vernon Junior School!! It was a great pleasure for CounterPoynt to be invited to sing at her wedding a couple of years ago.

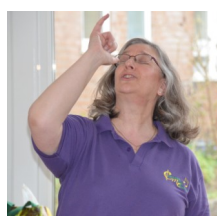
Before she left, Liz presented the choir with their very own, rather stylish sign, see below. In return, the ladies gave Liz a music-related Pandora charm to remind her of her time with CounterPoynt.



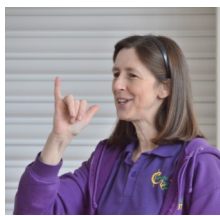
In true Liz style, she was determined not to miss her final concert at St George's on March 24th, and left a family gathering in Perth at lunchtime to make it back in time (with a bit of snow to contend with too!)

We shall all miss Lizzie's humour at rehearsals and wish her well in her new life in Bristol. She's asked to remain on the mailing list so she can keep tabs on what we're all getting up to!

**What's causing so much hilarity at Wowsingers?**



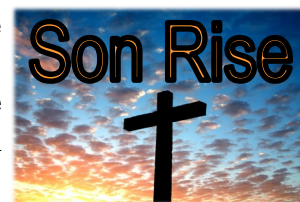
Answer: We're not telling you yet, but it's a 'first' for Cantata Choirs—see next issue...!!



The 'EASTER' concert was very well-received by a large audience at St George's Church on Palm Sunday. Poynton Community Orchestra got the evening off to a great start with a spirited rendition of Schwanda the Bagpiper and a lovely medley of well-known spirituals. This was followed by three songs from St George's Church Choir, and then MAPSingers took to the stage. They sang 4 pieces, but their pièce de resistance was undoubtedly a vocal version of Pachelbel's Canon (not in D!) The choir had sweated buckets over this extremely challenging piece in the previous months but their efforts were rewarded with a faultless performance. It just proves that sometimes we need to be taken out of our musical comfort zone!! CounterPoynt also wowed the audience with their pieces—in particular, Lift Thine Eyes and the Hallelujah Chorus received many lovely comments from the audience.

The second half of the evening was given over entirely to Poynton's first performance of *SonRise* by MAPS and the Church Choir. After a slight technical blip with the lighting at the very start, the performance then ran without further hitches and once again the audience were bowled over by the quality of singing.

Cantata Choirs have definitely made their mark on the Cheshire music scene!



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