



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

Well, we've actually seen quite a bit of sun this summer and, following several successful concerts from the choirs and orchestra, it's now time to turn our thoughts to Christmas! If your friends and relations need present ideas for you, check out the bottom of this page...

Keeping it in the family!

As we start learning our Cantata Choirs anthem, 'Family in Song', it's a good time to reflect on the fellowship we enjoy as a Choral Family. Within all the choirs, we have family groups, most of whom are pictured here...



MAPSingers married couples:
Alan & Margaret, Jean & Phil
(and we also have Barbara & Peter)



CounterPoynt Mothers & Daughters:
Emily & Anna, Charlotte & Jenny,
Monica & Catherine



WAKSLyrical married couples:
Pam & Bill, Hazel & Peter, Teresa & George,
Caroline & Mike



MACC Grandmother & Grandson:
Edna & Andrew
(and we also have Cath & Harry)



MAPSingers Fathers & Daughters:
Catherine & John, Dev & Jackie



WOWSingers: The Annes!
There are no relations at WOW but, for a small choir, it does seem to attract an extraordinary number of Annes!

NEXT ISSUE:

Watch out for an article about Poynton Community Orchestra who have just completed their second successful year under the baton of conductor Nigel Jay!



Christmas and Birthday vouchers

If your family & friends are stuck for ideas for your special occasion, they can now buy you some choir or orchestra sessions. Just ask them to get in touch with us on cme08@live.co.uk or give us a call. We can do any number of sessions per voucher, but it might be worth mentioning that half terms are generally 6 weeks! (which is £27)



Introducing our Honorary President...

Matt Baker



We are delighted to announce that Matt Baker has accepted the position of Honorary President of Cantata Music Education.

We first met Matt when attending some sessions he was leading for the *SingUp* programme and subsequently invited him over to Poynton to lead a singing afternoon with a large group of ladies from across all our choirs. Following this event, Matt invited the Cantata Collective to take part in the Olympic torch events of 2012 and as a result over 100 of our singers were lucky enough to perform in the Roman Amphitheatre in Chester and at Tatton Park in Knutsford, singing his big anthem, 'Across the World'.

Matt is a truly inspirational singing leader and his ethos for singing and music is very much in keeping with our own philosophies: music is for enjoyment and participation, regardless of age or experience.

With further plans to work with Matt over the next few years, we decided to consolidate our friendship and invite him to become our Honorary President. We are pleased that he has agreed and look forward to enriching the experiences of our singers through our friendship with Matt.

The websites below will tell you more about Matt and his work.

www.mattbakermusic.co.uk

www.theatreinthequarter.co.uk

www.handbagofharmonies.co.uk

Now is the time to invite friends to come and join us.

If you know anyone who needs a bit of a boost, or been recently bereaved, or simply hasn't yet had the courage to join a choir, give them a little nudge and bring them along to a rehearsal. Autumn is always a good time to join a choir as the nights draw in! Remind them that singing is great for their health and well-being. Annie recently went to see singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen—at 78 years of age, he performed a 3.5 hour concert with only a 20 minute interval. Singing certainly keeps him young & fit!

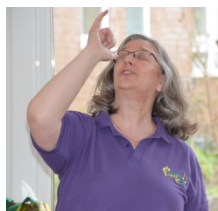


What was causing so much hilarity at Wowsingers?

Answer: WOW learnt to sign 'When I'm 64'.

Result: much arm-waving & giggling and not so much singing!!

Thanks to our Dawn Chorus friends for teaching Catherine and Annie the signing on Friday Mornings :-)



Diary Dates:

MACC: Sat 12th Oct 7.30pm. Fundraising concert @ Mottram St Andrew Church

Half term for Choirs: week beginning 21st October

Tatton Home Farm: Saturday 30th Nov and Sunday 8th December, both days 1.00pm—3.00pm

CounterPoynt: Peaks & Plains Christmas Social 7.00pm @ St Paul's Church, Macclesfield

WOW Concert: 7.30pm Sat 7th Dec. Fundraising concert @ Wilmslow Methodist Church (with Poynton Gilbert & Sullivan Society)

WAKS Concert: Weds 11th Dec @ Chelford Village Hall 3.30pm

MACC Concert: Thurs 12th Dec @ St Paul's Church, Macclesfield. 3.30pm

MAPS Concert: Sun 15th Dec @ St George's Church, Poynton, 3.00pm (with Dawn Chorus)

CounterPoynt Concert: Mon 16th Dec @ St George's Church, Poynton 8.00pm (with our orchestra—TBC)

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