



STIRLING CITY CHOIR

Noteworthy

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WELCOME !

A warm welcome to all our new members! We hope you will greatly enjoy your membership of Stirling City Choir. Having now been with us for quite a few rehearsals, you will hopefully be feeling reasonably "at home" – however, if you are at all unclear about anything, please just ask your Section Rep, or any other Committee Member.

We would like to extend a particular welcome to **Chris Baxter**, who joins us as our new Accompanist. We are very lucky indeed to have secured Chris's services, and we hope he is as happy with us as we are with him!

...AND WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to everyone else! Session 2007-2008 promises to be another enjoyable and challenging year for the choir, with various new pieces to learn, as well as old favourites to sing again. Last year was, of course, a very special one for us, with our sell-out performance on May 20th of the Verdi Requiem, when our ranks were swelled by the Rosenthe Singers, St Modan's School Choir, and other visiting singers. If your memories of that thrilling night are fading a little now, then you should buy a copy of Joe Clark's excellent recording of the event (see item on next page). Listening to it will remind you just how privileged we were to have the chance to sing with such talented professional soloists – each of whom gave a glorious performance - and with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, who are such experienced and excellent musicians. Our thanks for this wonderful opportunity are due as ever to Eric.

SESSION 2007-2008

Details of the four concerts planned for this year are as follows:

Come and Sing the Verdi Requiem!	Sunday, 4th November 2007-St Mary's Church
Christmas Concert	Saturday 15th December 2007-Church of the Holy Rude
Charity Concert	Sunday 17th February 2008 - St Columba's Church
Spring Concert	Sunday 20th April 2008 – Venue to be confirmed.



COME AND SING THE VERDI REQUIEM!

At the time of writing, it is only two weeks until this fundraising event. Please support it yourself, and encourage others to come along too – either as singers or as audience. The more the merrier! It should be a great sing, and is sure to be a very happy day. Please also note that your contributions and help with the catering – providing sandwiches etc - will be gratefully received, and much appreciated.

NEW COMMITTEE

At the AGM on Tuesday 2nd October, the following people were appointed or re-confirmed as Office-bearers and Committee Members:

Chairman	Ian Richardson
Secretary	Anne Montgomerie
Treasurer	Graham Reed
Assistant Treasurer	Alison McGrath
Concert Secretary	(position vacant)*
Librarian	Kathleen McPhail**
Soprano Reps	Terry Gourlay
	Gill Nunn
Alto Reps	Tricia Cooke
	Claire Whewell
Tenor and Bass Rep	Maxwell Craig

As Conductor, **Eric Dunlea** is of course “ex officio” also a member of the Committee, as is our Web-master **Michelle Butcher**.

***Sarah Lamont** (formerly Concert Secretary) has kindly agreed to continue to help us by designing publicity materials for the concerts, and therefore attends committee meetings.

With regard to the very necessary post of Librarian, **Kathleen Macphail has kindly offered to stay on at the moment, although – having already given her services for over six years (two terms of three years) – she should technically have vacated the post. If anyone is interested in “shadowing” the post of Librarian this year, with a view to taking over, then please speak to Kathleen.

We are delighted to welcome **Alison, Claire and Gill** to the Committee, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank **Peter Stuart**, who resigned from the committee this year, for all the years of invaluable service he has given to the choir as both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Please **use** the committee! You can approach your section rep – or any other member of the committee - to pass on any suggestions or complaints you may have in the course of the year. Do not hesitate to let us know your opinions!! If you need to be in touch with your section rep or any other committee member outwith rehearsal times, their contact details are available via the secretary, Anne Montgomerie - whose full details you will find at the end of this newsletter.



THANKS, JOE!

As previously mentioned, Joe Clark has made a very fine recording of our performance of the Verdi Requiem in the Albert Halls on May 20th 2007. This is available on CD for choir-members to purchase, with ALL the proceeds going directly to the choir - thanks to Joe's generosity. So far, the sum of **£340** has been raised by Joe through sales of the 2-CD sets. (Not many of us can say we've raised anything remotely like that!) If you haven't bought your CDs yet, it's not too late: order forms will be on the Information Table at rehearsals, and should be returned with payment (£10) to Anne Montgomerie.

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

As you may be aware, the roots of the present Stirling City Choir go back over 140 years to the founding of the "Stirling Choral Society" in 1866. We have recently had the good fortune of being given some fascinating programmes from those early years – the earliest being of a performance given in 1913. Look out for photocopies of these programmes on the Information Table soon – they are proof that, in music-making, "the more things change, the more they remain the same"!

A NOTE ABOUT *Noteworthy*

Suggestions, comments, or articles are welcome, though contributions may have to be edited. Any items for the next edition should be submitted by 11th December to Anne Montgomerie.
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