

## **April 2014 NEWSLETTER**

### **Harmonies & Harminies**



Well with another term safely under our belts I hope you will enjoy the Easter break- my thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support for sessions, performances and social activities. A Handful of Harmonies continues to make me proud, and I was delighted recently to be nominated and selected as a finalist for a business award for services to the community. The results will be announced on 24<sup>th</sup> April so watch this space!!

The summer term begins week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April – and in response to feedback from you we will spend three weeks of each month learning new material and the fourth week reviewing those pieces and spending time going over some of our “back catalogue”. This will keep our repertoire fresh and vibrant so that we don’t forget some of the excellent work we have done over the past three years. I do listen to your feedback and try to structure how we work to suit you all – it’s a challenge but I relish it ☺

From recent feedback I would like to set up an informal arrangement in each choir location to support new members and as such I need 1 x alto, 1 x mezzo and 1 x soprano in each location who is prepared to discreetly position themselves with new members, and support them by sharing any points re: notation, phrasing, breaths, notes from previous weeks, or asking questions on their behalf – ANYTHING to make that woman less isolated and bring them up to speed with what we are doing. *Please contact me directly if you would be willing to help.*

#### **Workshops**

I will be running three workshops during the Easter break - 11<sup>th</sup> April at Langtoft “Les Miserables”, 14<sup>th</sup> April at Crowland “Bring a Bloke III” and 16<sup>th</sup> April at Tinwell “A Tribute to The Beatles”. Full details are on the website, book online or simply turn up on the night. These have proved very successful in previous years and give you the chance to get your singing “fix” when the routine sessions are not taking place!

**Performances 2014** – we have performances every month from now through to September, coming up:-

#### *Sing for Spring 2014*

7-30pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, The Fleet, Peterborough.

#### *Back to the West End (of Langtoft!)*

7-30pm Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Langtoft Village Hall, Langtoft

#### *Concert in aid of Quarrington Church*

7-30pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 St Botolphs Church (Quarrington), Quarrington

We are currently taking bookings for concerts up to the end of July –if you are able to sing please sign up using the following link: - <http://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/concerts/>

## Show Choir

I am delighted that we were able to recruit 51 members of the show choir to sing at the Indig02 on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Rehearsals are well underway and we will be performing “*The Power of Love*” and medleys from “*Les Miserables*” and “*Mamma Mia*”. We have a number of tickets available and a family and friends coach travelling down to London in the afternoon, so if any of you would like to come along to support us please let me know by email or leave a note with the bursar at your session.

**And now the bad news.....** (but remember we are still great value!)

### Summer Term Fees (Harmonies)

These are now due, please, and the following options are available:-

<i>Casual Member</i>	£4-50p per session “pay as you go” according to your preference
<i>Premier Membership</i>	£50 per term attending one session per week at your nominated class. (saves £4 per term)
<i>Premier Plus</i>	£65 per term attend as many sessions as you wish at any location – the more you use the more you save!
<i>Show Choir</i>	£50 annual fee or £4-50p per session (minimum attendance 9 per year)

Payments can be made by cash or cheque payable to “A Handful of Harmonies” to the bursar; online in the shop section of the website, or BACS to sort code 09-01-28 A/C No 02424607.

Please quote your surname and first three letters of your location as a reference when using BACS e.g. SPA (Spalding) DEE (Deepings) PET (Peterborough).

**Harminies Fees** Remain at £2 per week with 25% discount for siblings paid at each session.

### Race for Life –Stamford 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014

Handful of Harmonies has a group entry into the 5K Race for Life in Stamford on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

If you want to join the group please use this link to register: -

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/rfl/forms/race/enter.isf?groupNumber=GI3571>

If you don't feel quite so energetic but would like to support us with a donation please use the JustGiving page: - <http://www.justgiving.com/handful-of-harmonies>.

We had a great time singing at this event last year and missed out on the opportunity to have a group entry. This year we will be there in our Polo shirts united!

Looking forward to seeing you all again very soon

Andrew xxx

*“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.”*  
Arthur O'Shaughnessy (Poet)