

April 2016 NEWSLETTER



Hello again ladies – Easter has been and gone and unbelievably the summer term is upon us! Please check the website or schedule as groups will be starting at different times to make up for some sessions missed last term. What a term we have in store; a medley of oldies to celebrate our fifth birthday, new pieces to learn in our weekly sessions and loads of other activities to sign up to if you fancy – read on for more info.....

Performances

There are some performing opportunities available to sign up for on the AHOH website, for more information please visit the website or use the following link - <http://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/concerts/>

Saturday 16th April 2016 all day

Oundle Music Festival – *Oundle School Chapel, Oundle PE8 4AB*

I have a good sized choir signed up for this competition but if you are keen to be involved and can learn the pieces please send me an email and I'll give you more details.

We are entering two categories and will be singing I Could Have Danced All Night; Send In The Clowns; As Long As He Needs Me and Those Were The Days. These will all be performed from memory and we will be wearing formal dress. We have also organised an after competition meal at the Red Lion in Warmington if who want to come along.

Saturday 11th June 2016 all day

Blake- *South Holland Centre PE11 1SS*

I sent out an email about this to all members on 21st March – auditions will take place on Monday 18th April at Tallington Village Hall from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. If you are thinking about taking part please don't delay – let me know if you would like to audition.

Saturday 6th August 2016 1:00pm -1:45pm

Deepings Caravan Park Beerfest - *Towngate East PE6 8LQ*

Dates for your diary not available to book yet:

Saturday 29th October 2016 7:00pm

Holy Trinity Parish Church *Rothwell NN14 6BQ*

Saturday 12th November 2016 time tbc

Spalding Charity Concert, TBC

Sunday 4th December 2016 time tbc

Christmas Lights Festival Red Lion Square *Stamford PE9 2AJ*

Gospel Touch Workshop

And now for something completely different! We have arranged a free workshop on Sunday 22nd May 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Bourne Abbey Church Hall – please book via the website, numbers are limited but there are still some places available.

Birthday Event

Preparations for our fifth anniversary event on 9th July are well underway – many of you have signed up for the performance and bought tickets for the party – more tickets are now available for friends and family on a first come first served basis at a cost of £20 per person.

Harmonies Summer Term Fees

First and foremost did you know you can pay your fees online? If you want to pay for the whole term in advance you can do so via the “shop” tab on the website. I am delighted to say that yet again the rates are held at the same level and still represent great value!

The following options are available:-

<i>Casual Member</i>	£5 per session “pay as you go” according to your preference
<i>Premier Membership</i>	£55 per term attend one session per week at your nominated class (save £5)
<i>Premier Plus</i>	£75 per term attend as many sessions as you wish at any location – the more you use the more you save!
Show Choir Membership	£50 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) BOU (Bourne).

Race for Life

We will be entering a team into the Stamford Race for Life 5K at 11am on Sunday 5th June. If you would like to enter please use the link below or directly via the website:

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/rfl/forms/race/enter.jsf?eventId=4592>

The group ID for the team “Handful Harmonies” is PU7725 – if you don’t fancy joining the walk then maybe you could sponsor some of your singing sisters?

Can we beat our previous total of nearly £3K this year? Jackie Dodds is co-ordinating our group so please contact Jackie at sessions or by email jackeidodds@btinternet.com if you want to know more.

An action packed summer term in store – with some new challenges and a trip outside of the comfort zone – 2016 is shaping up to be a year to remember!

Andrew xxx

*“There, in the chords and melodies, is everything I want to say.
The words just jolly it along. It’s always been my way of expressing what
for me is inexpressible by any other means.”*

David Bowie; singer/songwriter/ musical legend