

January 2016 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year !! Well, Christmas is all but over and I hope that it brought peace and happiness to you all. So we look forward to another great year!! On the whole the choir continues to move from strength to strength but I was sorry to have to close the Peterborough group in the summer because of low numbers. We are now looking at ways to sustain the core membership at Stamford and were delighted to have welcomed some new members at the end of last term.

So what does 2016 hold for AHOH? As we enter our fifth year we will be travelling back to the beginning and revisiting and reworking some of our original pieces to polish these and hopefully use some in future performances. We have a huge portfolio of songs now and we want to keep sight of them all!

Before I leave 2015 behind I would like again to say a massive “thank you” to Rosa Beckerton for organising our second AHOH Christmas party at the Holiday Inn on 5th December. About 50 members came along and we had a great night, much singing and dancing and generally letting off steam!

Dates

I know some of you are counting the days, but in case you have forgotten the Spring term begins next week on 4th January at Bourne.

Show choir begins on 17th January at the United Reformed Church in Spalding.

The full schedules can be accessed from the members’ page using the link below:

<http://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/members/>

I’m looking forward to seeing you there.

Harmonies Spring Term Fees

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the spring term fees are due any time now. I am pleased to say that again the rates are held at the previous 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).

CD

We were delighted that our second CD “More Songs from Stage and Screen” was released just before Christmas, and many of you were able to collect your copies. So if you are looking for a little gift to share with family and friends we have plenty in stock so look no further! Karen Human and Rachel Waterhouse (Friends of AHOH reps for Langtoft and Oundle) will have these available at sessions.

Workshop

We will be running a free workshop on Sunday 10th January at Stamford Arts Centre with an optional opportunity to sing in a concert with A Handful of Harmonies at the same venue on the following Saturday, 16th January 2016.

The two hour workshop on Sunday 10th will commence promptly at 2-00pm with a bracing warm up leading in to a workshop session where you will be learning “The Circle of Life” from The Lion King in a six part harmony arrangement taken from the Disney musical of the same name. Anyone is welcome to attend the workshop and to sign up please use the link below, or simply turn up on the day.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-singing-workshop-tickets-19998911282

Performances

The only concert currently available to book is “Sing for Africa” and there are still places available –if you are able to sing please sign up using the following link: - <http://www.handfulofharmonies.co.uk/concerts/>

There was insufficient support for the proposed 1640 concert at the O2 on 10th July 2016 so I am afraid to say we will not be sending a group to perform on this occasion.

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies – there will be a quiz night on 9th January 2016 at 7-30pm in Langtoft Village Hall – if you are ready to give your brain a New Year workout why don't you come along? More information for booking can be found on Facebook or email: secretary@handfulofharmonies.co.uk

So may I thank you all for your support in 2015 and look forward together to exciting times in 2016.

Andrew xxx

“Music is the universal language of mankind.”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (author)