

June 2016 NEWSLETTER



Hello again ladies - as we race through another term I thought it would be a good idea to bring you up to date with what has been happening recently and some exciting things to come. This term we have been focussing on learning the medley that has been put together from our back catalogue; which has served both as an opportunity to revisit some of our favourite pieces. For those of you who would like to perform the piece at the end of term have a look at the Stamford Big Sing on 20th July – I would love to see you all there!

In May we held a Gospel Workshop which was funded by the Friends of AHOH group and was attended by 72 members.

In June we fielded a team for the Race for Life at Stamford and raised £2030.50 for Cancer Research UK.

We had the pleasure of performing at the South Holland centre with Blake; this was both a stressful and exhilarating experience! You might have seen a few pictures posted on Facebook..... Chris Chamberlain was instrumental in applying for us to participate and I would like to thank her for taking the initiative and creating this fabulous opportunity for us, especially because she herself was unable to take part due to a prior commitment.

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/>

<u>Saturday 2nd July 2016 12:00 – 12:30pm</u>	Spalding Primary School Summer Fete <i>Spalding PE11 1PB</i>
<u>Wednesday 20th July 7:00pm- 10:00pm</u>	AHOH 5 th Birthday Big Sing! <i>Stamford URC PE9 1PJ</i>
<u>Saturday 6th August 2016 1:00pm -1:45pm</u>	Deepings Caravan Park Beerfest - <i>Towngate East PE6 8LQ</i>
<u>Saturday 10th September 2016 7:30pm</u>	A Show for Sue Stamford Corn Exchange Theatre <i>Stamford PE9 1PX</i>

Dates for your diary not available to book yet:

<u>Saturday 29th October 2016 7:00pm</u>	Holy Trinity Parish Church Rothwell NN14 6BQ
<u>Sunday 27th November 2016 time tbc</u>	Christmas Lights Festival Red Lion Square Stamford PE9 2AJ
<u>Saturday 3rd December 2016 2:00pm – 3:00pm</u>	Senior Citizens Entertainment Castle Bytham NG334RJ
<u>Saturday 17th December 2016 time tbc</u>	Christmas Concert, Northborough Village Hall PE6 9DP

Performances are not limited to Show Choir members unless specifically stated so please sign up – there is something every month for the rest of the year!

We would love to see more of you at Show Choir - numbers have dwindled in recent months and there is room for some new members. The sessions are different to the weekly ones and we learn pieces ready for performances – the clue is in the title – but it is a great session to concentrate on learning and polishing some pieces really well.

If you are interested why not come along and give it a try?

Birthday Event

Preparations are going well for the Fifth Birthday Party at the Marriot Hotel in Peterborough on 9th July. It's going to be a fantastic evening with good food, good singing and good entertainment.

The special edition fifth birthday polo shirts with their distinctive logo are available to order until 9th July – the bursar at your weekly sessions can give you an order form.

Summer Workshops

These are always popular to make sure you get your singing “fix” between regular sessions.

I am still considering topics and welcome suggestions – in response to a request one will be “Dots, Lines and Squiggly Bits: An introduction to reading music” - where the focus will be on notation and rhythm rather than singing.

Workshops will be held at Langtoft Village Hall from 7:30pm – 9:30pm and cost £6 per session – hold the dates and watch this space!

Tuesday 2nd August	Miss Saigon – Revisited	A medley of songs from “Miss Saigon”
Thursday 4th August	Wicked	A brand new medley of songs from “Wicked”
Monday 8th August	West Side Story	A medley of songs from “West Side Story”
Thursday 11th August	Music Reading for Beginners	Notes, dynamics, rhythms – bring questions!

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies

So far this year Friends of AHOH have provided funds to support the fifth birthday party performance, the Gospel Workshop and purchased a set of stage risers. For more details of fundraising events please see the Friends’ notice board or the Friends Group page on the AHOH website.

If you would like to be featured in our 2017 calendar you can sign up for a photoshoot on the website under “workshops”.

So as we approach our fifth birthday I can only say thank you to every single choir member for your continued support and we look forward to seeing what the next five years will bring.

Andrew xxx

*Music enriches people's lives in the same way paintings
and literature do. Everybody deserves that.*

Victoria Wood CBE– comedian/ actress/ singer/ songwriter.