

September 2016 NEWSLETTER



Hello ladies – Welcome back to the first half of the autumn term. We have started learning three new pieces in the first two weeks – a good variety of style and tempo so something for all tastes!

Its early days but the new payment arrangements seem to be working well; with less time taken booking in at sessions as the prepaid card system kicks in. Please do remember that the bursar needs to see your card at every session, even if it is a PP and does not need to be marked, to make sure you are included on the register.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in “A Show for Sue” on the 10th September; and thank you to those who came along to support us in the audience. The feedback has been fabulous, and although we did not fill the venue by any means, we raised a very impressive £1315 which has been presented to Sue Ryder, Thorpe Hall Hospice, which is our adopted charity again this year. We hope to stage a repeat local concert in the future.

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 29th October 2016 7:00pm Concert for Brass and Voices, Holy Trinity Parish Church, *Rothwell NN14 6BQ*

Saturday 12th November 2016 7:30pm Sing and Strum for Marie Curie, St John’s Church, *Spalding PE11 1JQ*

Sunday 27th November 2016 2:00pm Stamford Christmas Lights Festival, Red Lion Square, *Stamford PE9 2AJ*

Saturday 17th December 2016 7:00pm Christmas Concert Northborough Village Hall *Northborough PE6 9DP*

Performances are **not** limited to Show Choir members unless specifically stated so please sign up. There is room at Show Choir for some new members and this is the opportunity to practice interesting pieces in a larger group to take part in performances.

Please note that for all public performances there is an expectation that choir members will use the online materials available to practice and ensure they are confident in the material that they will be performing.

Date to note but not yet open to book

Saturday 3rd December 2016 2:00pm Castle Bytham Senior Citizens Entertainment, *Castle Bytham NG33 4RJ*

Rothwell Concert of Brass and Voices IV

If you have booked to sing at Rothwell some additional rehearsals have been booked as follows:-

Sunday 2nd October - Langtoft Village Hall – 10am - 1pm

Sunday 9th October - Langtoft Village Hall – 10am - 1pm

Friday 28th October - Langtoft Village Hall – 2pm - 5pm

There will be a small payment of £2 per person at these sessions to cover costs.

The rehearsal scheduled on Sunday 23rd October from 6.00 – 8.00pm is **cancelled** due to a prior commitment; apologies for any inconvenience caused.

A Handful of Harmonies in London – again!

We have been offered a spot to perform at the Lyceum Theatre in London's West End on Monday 1st May 2017. This is a May Bank Holiday. The Lyceum is currently the home of The Lion King and I think it would be awesome for us to sing Circle of Life as one of our pieces.

Please see the email recently sent out for further information – can you email me with expressions of interest by **Friday 30th September 2016** so that I can confirm with the organisers whether we will be taking part.

The Non-Singing Fun Side

A Christmas Treat; following on from the very successful visit to see "White Christmas" a couple of years ago I have a day set up that might interest you:-

Departing Langtoft (pickups may be added) at 10:30am to see the 2:30pm performance of "The Snowman" at The Peacock Theatre, followed by a couple of hours of leisure time before attending the 6:30pm Faulty Towers dining experience at the Torquay Suite, Theatre Amba Hotel, return to Lincolnshire at 8:30pm.

Cost for the day - including coach fare is £95 per person; which includes your evening meal with a difference - the Faulty Towers Experience is absolutely SUPERB!! Please reply to the email recently sent out if you would like to come.

The National Lottery syndicate for the choir is now up and running – sadly no win yet – if you would like to join please contact Genevieve Stocker secretary@handfulofharmonies.co.uk – as they say you've got to be in it to win it!

Friends of A Handful of Harmonies

Please see the "Friends" noticeboards on display at weekly sessions for information about forthcoming events and have a chat to your representative if you want to get involved.

So thank you as always, ladies for your continued support; plenty going on and much fun to be had.

Andrew xxx

Where words fail, music speaks.

Hans Christian Andersen: Author