

**DORSET POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR
NEWSLETTER 19 MARCH 2017**

Musical Directors Notes

Well done to all who took part on Saturday. It was not the easiest of concerts nor one of our best but nevertheless we gave a good show which is a measure of how far we have come when even our less good concerts are perfectly good performances. In general I felt a lack of confidence in the first half but the concert came to life in 2nd half. Amazing Grace worked very well and I was particularly impressed by the way Soldiers Chorus was far better articulated, it made a big difference – well done. My main concern last night was intonation which is not normally a problem but in the quieter sections there was a lot of out of tune singing. This is something I shall be working on before Blandford. However, bearing in mind how many new members we had in the lineup that were not as familiar with the music I think you did a great job.

As you know the programme will now be much the same which will allow us more time to iron out some of the niggles (Baritones Llanfair!) and help the newer members.

As promised my three suggestions for our next new addition to the repertoire are

1. Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat
2. Drinking Song (Student Prince)
3. With a Little Bit of Luck (My fair Lady)

If you don't know these songs look them up on U tube and please give **1 choice only to your reps before 1st April**. After that it will be too late.

Chairman's Notes

The Weekly Newsletter - a plea on behalf of the editors of the newsletter.

It has become evident to me over the past few weeks by the questions I have been asked at practice, that not all of you are reading the notes before you come on Tuesday night.

Preparation of the newsletter takes time and effort and as these notes are usually dispatched on Sunday evening, it shouldn't take anyone long to read/download the contents and note what action needs to be taken, however busy your own lives are.

To be regularly asked questions that are covered in the newsletter can become very frustrating and disheartening - so please always READ and INWARDLY DIGEST before Tuesday.

Concert at Ilminster - Once again a good concert and from the comments received from a number of the audience it was well received. Interestingly, there was a member of the Taunton Vale Male Voice Choir in the audience who had sung with us before at a joint concert in Bournemouth a number of years ago and a former member of our choir who moved away from the Bournemouth area 13 years ago; both commented very favourably on our singing.

Thank you to Brian for transporting the piano, Tony for bringing the speakers etc and Fred for taking the MD's rostrum and to Lydia Bloom who in the absence of Christine looked after the CD table.

Will Burnett's Wedding - Saturday 29th April 2017 at noon.

There has been a change to one of the songs that we will be singing at Will's wedding. The two pieces that will now be sung during the signing of the register will be:-

You Raise Me Up

Rhythm of Life

The choir will move to the middle of the chancel to sing these pieces.

The opening congregational Hymn will be Cwm Rhondda using our arrangement with the choir singing the Amen's.

The other hymns that we will be expected to lead are:-

One More Step along the World I Go by S Carter

When a Knight Won His Spurs by J Struther

Lord of the Dance by S Carter

The choir will sing The Lord's Prayer possibly from the choir stalls, after The Address

Whilst Jane and I have a draft copy of the Order of Service it is hoped to let you have a copy when the final version is agreed.

Graham

Vice Chairman's Notes

Jane and Graham has said all there is to say regarding the concert on Saturday. We sold £50.00 worth of CD's so we did well. People will only buy a CD if they enjoy the concert.

A quick reminder to everyone that it is normal practice this week with everyone starting at 7.30pm

Membership Notes

John Reid (2nd Tenor) - John was readmitted to Bournemouth Hospital on Thursday and is quite poorly. Having spoken with Judy, John's wife, she says that he is not up to having visitors yet but will keep us informed of his progress. We continue to wish him well.

Choir Golf Society Day – Wednesday 29 March 2017 at Moors Valley GC

The price for the Golf Day is £27 which includes coffee before play, 18 holes of golf, lunch afterwards and prizes.

Buggies can be hired at a cost of £20.00 I hope you agree that's good value.

You can have a choice of lunch, either homemade steak and ale pie and chips or ham egg and chips.

First tee off will be 10am.

New Choir members will be very welcomed. This is a very much a social day nothing too serious. Most of us play off 28 so come along and enjoy the day. Names please to me. I have to notify the Golf Club of meal choices by 22nd of March.

Charlie Challenger.

Doors will open as usual at 6.45pm on TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017