



*Alnwick and District Choral Society*  
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# Keynotes

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Colin Start  
*conductor*



Peter Brown  
*chorus master*



Scott Grey  
*accompanist*

The Friends of Alnwick & District Choral Society have raised the staggering sum of £839.00 through their subscriptions this year. Thank you so much for your generous donations. This money is of vital importance to the choir. If you know of anyone who would like to become a Friend then please ask them to get in touch with any choir member or myself. Our aim next year is to raise £1000.00 !

By helping to run the raffle at the recent Christmas Concert The Friends raised £250.00 for the Society. If you would like to help at future concerts then please don't hesitate to contact me. Your contribution will make all the difference to the organisation of the event.

**The Choral Society's concert music for 2009 has been specially chosen to celebrate the anniversaries of Handel, Purcell, Avison and Mendelssohn.**

## Our Next Concert.

Preparations are well under way for our Spring Concert to be held in St. Paul's Church, Alnwick on 29 March starting at 7.30pm. As well as featuring the Easter section of Handel's Messiah the programme also includes Haydn's "Little Organ Mass", Purcell's "I Was Glad" and "Hast Thou Not Forsaken Us?" by Charles Avison. We hope that these popular works will attract a large audience so don't forget to book early.

## Birthday Celebrations.



*Last December our Librarian, Joyce Clayton, celebrated a landmark birthday. Her training as a singer meant she certainly had enough breath to blow out all those candles!*

The Choir's Summer Concert will be held at The Playhouse, Alnwick on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2008 Christmas Concert.



*Michael and Alison leading the choir.*



*The two suave sophisticated conductors!*



*The Choir and Ever Ready Band perform with gusto.*



Peter Ayres  
*Publicity Officer*

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