



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 2008/09 season has been a resounding success. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Haydn's Little Organ Mass and Handel's Messiah were very well received. The choir has proved that it can perform these masterpieces to a professional standard. This is substantiated by the fact that we are able to attract soloists of the calibre of Jessica Holmes, Heather Burns, Austin Gunn, Michael Allsop and the rising star Claire McKenna.

It is important that Alnwick Choral Society maintains this standard of excellence in the future. Funding permitting, it hopes to perform Schumann's arrangement of J.S. Bach's St. John's Passion with full orchestra at Alnwick Playhouse in the Spring of 2010. It will be the first time that this piece has been performed in the UK so will be a worthy and challenging activity for the 2009-10 season. We trust that we can rely on the support of the Friends to ensure that The Society continues to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of north Northumberland.

Our Next Concert.

The concert version of Franz Lehar's famous operetta "The Merry Widow" is the choir's next production. It is to be held at The Playhouse, Alnwick on Saturday 11 July starting at 7.30pm. Veronica Gilbert, David Richardson, Elizabeth Howliston, Eric Brown and a "young" Paul Toward sing the principal roles. Arlene Cadman is not only the narrator but has also given invaluable help in dramatic interpretation. We hope you will come along and support the Society in what promises to be quite "a bit of fun". Tickets are now available from The Playhouse.

The Spring Concert.



Claire McKenna (soprano) and Michael Allsop (countertenor), seen here with Colin Start, our conductor, gave stunning performances in the Society's Spring Concert of Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" and Handel's "Messiah"

Annual Dinner.

Choir members and their partners enjoyed a great night out at Blackmore's Restaurant, Alnwick in February.



Guests prepare for their evening meal.



Proud to show off their nationality.



Enjoying the after-dinner ceilidh.



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