



Alnwick and District Choral Society
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Keynotes

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Peter Brown
Conductor and
Musical Director



Alan Gidney
accompanist

Our Next Concert.

The choir's next performance will be held at St. Paul's Church, Alnwick on Sunday 27 March starting at 7.30pm (tickets £9.00 and £8.00 concession)

It will be an evening of Mozart. His "Requiem Mass" will form the backbone of a concert that will also include "Sancta maria, mater Dei", "Alma Dei creatoris", "Missa Brevis in D" and "Laudate Dominum".

Don't miss what promises to be a feast of beautiful music by one of the most popular composers of all time.

Scott's Retirement Party



Members past and present gathered last October to wish Scott Grey a very happy retirement from his duties as the choir's accompanist

Congratulations



Congratulations to Sally Onions, our treasurer, and her partner Ian, on the birth of their son, Ben Oliver Samuel, last July.

Our New Musical Director



We are pleased to announce that Peter Brown has been appointed the Society's new Musical Director.

Peter is already very involved in the local music scene. He is director of Alnwick Playhouse Community Choir and Rock Festival Choir. He is also musical director for Alnwick Stage

Musical Society, and the Playhouse Youth Theatre. He even finds time to teach and lead children's music and drama workshops.

Brought up in Somerset, Peter's musical talents were apparent from an early age. He sang in choirs, played piano and organ and at the age of 16 was appointed as assistant organist at his large parish church.

As Organ Scholar at University College, Oxford he had responsibility for the chapel choir. Peter sang and recorded with Oxford Pro Musica.

The Society is delighted to have secured the services of such a talented musician.

Our New Accompanist

Alan Gidney was born in South Shields and at age 7 began to play the piano, progressing on to the organ when his feet could reach the pedals. Whilst at university he was assistant organist of St Andrew's Cathedral in Aberdeen for 6 years.



He became very involved with the work of the RSCM while living in Essex and deputised occasionally at Chelmsford Cathedral. He now lives in Longframlington, where he was for some years organist at the Parish Church. He has also given a series of summer organ recitals in Brinkburn Priory. He tells me that he always enjoys accompanying singers so is delighted to be the accompanist for the Choral Society. So are we!

Summer Concert

Put 3 July in your diary. This is the date of our Summer Concert when the choir will be performing Faure's "Requiem" and Sir Paul McCartney's "Ecce Cor Meum" at St Paul's Church with Alnwick Community Choir.

Peter Ayres
Friends' Secretary



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