



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

It's hard to believe that it's just two years ago this month that our Musical Director Jurgita Hayward had the idea to create a new chamber choir on the Island and advertised for singers! In the short time since then the choir has grown in both size and quality and has now become the leading chamber choir on the Island specialising in music by living composers.

2011 was an exciting and successful year:

- We won 1st place in the IOW Music Competition in March, receiving critical acclaim from the judges.



- We performed Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater* in All Saints Church, Ryde in April. Joined by an excellent small orchestra of largely Island musicians and the international mezzo-soprano, Jurgita Adamonyte, we were thrilled to receive a standing ovation at the end of the performance.



- Some of our members took part in the recording of Jenkins' *The Peacemakers* at Abbey Road Studios in London (the CD is out in March).



- We performed in Ventnor for the first time at St Catherine's Church in September as part of the Global Sing for Peace, and raised money towards St Catherine's School.



- We performed in the lovely Wolverton Manor in October in aid of Leukemia Research.
- We took part in a massed choirs concert at the Medina Theatre in October raising money for the Arun Baksi Centre for Diabetes.
- We gave a Christmas concert in East Cowes in December.

- On 8 July the choir will be going to the Royal Albert Hall to take part in Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man* and the world premiere of his new work *Gods of Olympia*.



2012 looks equally as exciting, with the following already planned:

- In January two of our members – Nikki and Rose – went to New York to take part in the world premiere of Karl Jenkins' *The Peacemakers* in Carnegie Hall.
- We will be entering the IOW Music Competition once again in March and hope to retain our winner's cup!
- **Our major event of the year** will be a concert of music by the renowned composer Patrick Hawes at St John's Church Newport on the evening of **Saturday 12 May**. We are thrilled that Patrick will be coming to the Island to conduct the concert himself! Patrick has written some beautiful music and was until recently Classic FM's resident composer. We will be joined by a small orchestral ensemble including the international harpist Sally Pryce. Tickets are £12 on the door and £10 in advance (under 16s half price).



- In August we will be performing in the Ventnor Fringe Festival (details to be confirmed).
- On 22 September we hope to be joining the Grayshott Choir on the mainland in the first non-professional performance of Karl Jenkins' *The Peacemakers*.
- On Friday 12 October we will be performing at St Mary's Church, Brading as part of the Brading Bash.

Men wanted! The choir is still looking for more singers – particularly men. So if you would like to audition – or know someone who might – please get in touch with Jurgita.

Sponsors wanted! It is challenging financially for a small choir like ours to stage professional quality concerts and we are always looking for sponsors – both for ongoing costs and for individual events or elements of events, such as hire of professional musicians. If you would like to be a sponsor please contact our Treasurer, Chris Wilmott.

Many thanks to all our supporters and helpers over the past year and we look forward to seeing you at our concerts in 2012.

Please see our website for more information, ticket sales, and contact details – www.cameratacc-iow.co.uk and follow us on Twitter and Facebook