



Camerata Chamber Choir – Autumn Newsletter 2013

2013 has been yet another successful year for the choir. We have had several new members join, enhancing the balance, sound and quality of our performances. This has given the choir the confidence to learn and perform some slightly more advanced repertoire.

This year's events and highlights

March 2013 –

In previous years, we have performed pieces by Lithuanian composer Vytautas Miškinis but the **2013 IOW music festival** was made particularly special for the choir as we were privileged to perform *Night*, a choral piece, written by Miškinis especially for Camerata. This, together with the choir's performance of Poulenc's *Tenebre Factae Sunt* ensured Camerata retained the trophies from the previous year and earned us the title Best Chamber Choir and (joint) Best Choir in the Competition.

April 2013 –

This was a very busy month for the choir. We sang at **Wolverton Manor** for the Historic Houses Association on the 10th April; this was very well received and much appreciated by the organisers.

On the 13th April we gave an **Easter concert at St John's Church, Newport**. This was to coincide with the churches Easter celebrations. The audience were treated to an evening of movements selected from Karl Jenkins' *Requiem* and *The Armed Man*.

Sunday the 28th of April saw the choir participate in their biggest concert to date, at The **Royal Albert Hall, London**, performing Karl Jenkins' *Requiem* and *The Armed Man*. We were very honoured to be invited to sing alongside the 'Cor Caerdydd Choir' and the 'Excelsis Choir', under the baton of Doctor **Karl Jenkins** himself and were accompanied by the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and for many choir members their first trip to The Royal Albert Hall, making this a very special and exciting experience.

July 2013 –

On the 13th July the choir gave a concert at **St Catherine's Church, Ventnor**. Although one of the hottest days of the year, the choir gave an excellent performance, introducing the audience to a variety of music dating from the 15th Century right through to the present day. It was very well received and resulted in another new member joining, which was good news. The concert helped to raise money towards 'St Catherine's School' fund.

November 2013 –

The choir performed their annual charity concert at **Wolverton Manor** on the 23rd November. The programme consisted of a variety of music from a number of composers, including Durufle, Lauridsen, and Whitacre. The audience were also given an early Christmas treat with 3 carols written by the up-and-coming composer Phillip Stopford.

December 2013-

A selection of members met on Friday 6th December at **Osborne Cottage, East Cowes** where we had been invited to sing Christmas carols to residents, staff and visitors. The Choir thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were complimented on their festive contribution to the resident's Christmas party.

Forthcoming events with Camerata Chamber Choir

Saturday 14th December 2013 at 7pm

Join Camerata Chamber Choir for their Christmas Concert at All Saints Church, Godshell

Tickets are available from our [website](#) or on the door and are priced at £5 each (£2.50 for students). Ticket price includes complementary mulled wine and mince pies. Also back on popular demand is our annual Camerata cake and bottle draw.

Saturday 12th April 2014 at 7pm

Camerata Chamber Choir are very excited to present the debut Island performance of Karl Jenkin's *The Peacemakers* at St John's Church, Newport.

Members of the choir have performed this acclaimed choral work twice under the baton of Karl Jenkins and are now bringing the music to the Isle of Wight, complete with an orchestra featuring professional musicians, some of whom have performed with Jenkins on this piece.

Other dates for the diary (details TBC, see website for more details):

- Summer Concert 5/7/14
- Wolverton Concert 22/11/14
- Christmas Concert 6/12/14

Be a Friend of the choir for £30 (or £55 for couples)

Benefits include:

- Priority booking
- Free interval or pre-concert drinks and VIP seating at concerts organised by the Camerata Chamber Choir
- An invitation to the Camerata Chamber Choir's occasional Come and Sing days
- An annual brochure containing forthcoming events
- Your name listed as a Friend in concert programmes
- Complimentary ticket to our Christmas concert

For more information, see our [website](#) or contact 298564



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