

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter for the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs

This is an exciting term for singers of all ages in the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs. After a successful Spring term with a packed out Mothers' Day concert, and performances across Essex, we have moved on to the BBC Proms.



The **Southend Young Men's Chorus** were fortunate to have been selected by the BBC for their Coaching Scheme, and 24 young singers spent 4 hours singing with 3 professional singers, working on music ranging from Verdi's Requiem to acapella 4 part harmony. The boys had already recorded two works with the BBC at the Maida Vale Studios for the **BBC Ten Pieces DVD**, and have since then gone back to the studios to be filmed for the DVD. They were very excited young men to have the chance to sing twice with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Later this term our younger voices will also be joining the older voices when they will be performing in the **BBC Proms at the**

Royal Albert Hall, singing two performances on **Sunday 23rd July**.

Leading up to the Proms the choirs are busy with performances in Southend, Essex and London. On Sunday 25th June, as part of the Armed Forces Weekend, 100 young singers will join with an adult choir and brass band to perform **"Never Forget" at the site of the Poppies: Wave** sculpture on Barge Pier, Gunners Park, Shoeburyness. This is the closing day of the 12 week exhibition, which is part of "Blood swept lands and seas of red" which was at the Tower of London in 2014.



The performance is free to attend, and starts at 7pm, followed by The Last Post and Sunset.

On Saturday 1st July, the choirs can be heard in a Summer Concert in the beautiful Essex village of **Writtle at All Saints Church**. The concert starts at 7.30. Later that week the choirs will be welcoming a **visiting choir from Montreal**, who had hosted our singers last year on their tour to Canada. Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont Royal, who sing regularly in the magnificent St Joseph's Oratory, will be staying with our families in Southend, and joining in a concert on Thursday 6th July. Don't miss the chance to hear this wonderful young choir, at **St Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay** at 7.30pm. On Sunday 9th July the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs will be performing a **Summer Concert in the Royal Pavilion on Southend Pier**. This will be a great afternoon of music and we hope to see you there.

On Monday 24th July, straight after the BBC Proms, the Southend Girls' Choir will be performing a lunchtime recital at **St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square** at 1pm. This is open to all to attend. Then on Wednesday 26th July 40 young singers fly off to **Venice** where they will be singing at St Mark's and the Vivaldi Church, and also giving two concerts in **Verona**.

Future Dates

Sunday 25th June, 7pm - Barge Pier, Gunners Park. "Never Forget" performance to commemorate WW1 at the site of the Poppies: Wave.

Saturday 1st July, 7.30pm - All Saints Church, Writtle. Summer Concert.

Thursday 6th July, 7.30pm - St Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay. Joint concert with visiting choir from Montreal.

Sunday 9th July, 3pm - Royal Pavilion, Southend Pier. Summer Concert.

Sunday 16th July, 3pm - *Chorus Sirenum* – Afternoon at the Musicals – St Peter's Church, Westcliff on Sea.

Sunday 23rd July, 2pm & 6pm - Royal Albert Hall. BBC Proms Concerts.

Monday 24th July, 1pm - St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square.

For tickets for the Southend concerts please contact 01702 465460.

Check out our website for more information - www.southendchoirs.org.uk

SUPPORTING THE CHOIRS

As you may know, we don't make any charge to the singers to be in the choir, as the choirs should always be open to anyone to join, and as a charity we also help to raise funds for other groups. You can support the choirs by joining the **100 Club**. For just £5 per quarter, you could win up to £100 in the monthly draws. For more information about the 100 Club please contact Heather Crisp – 01702 465460 or email hgcrisp@gmail.com

You can also help to raise funds through **easyfundraising** when you purchase anything on line. This costs you nothing at all, so please have a look at this on our website – www.southendchoirs.org.uk support, and help us to raise funds for the choirs.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Choirs' website will keep you up to date on concerts and events, visit www.southendchoirs.org.uk for more information. We look forward to seeing you at our concerts.

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