

## Spring 2017

### *Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society*



A belated Happy New Year; a hope that you enjoy much music in 2017 and a warm welcome to new Friends.

On November 5 we performed a concert of music under the title *French Gothic* at Southwark Cathedral. I hope those who attended enjoyed the event as much as those of us in the Choir did. As ever you, our audience, gave us a great reception bringing the evening to a fulfilling close.

*Carols for Choir and Audience* at St Paul's Church Wimbledon on December 17 was, as always, sold out, audience participation was excellent and Christmas Spirit was reinforced. In addition to Carols we all know and love there were contemporary pieces including the wonderful *Adeste Fidelis* commissioned by WCS from Chris Hutchings who was there to hear the first performance – we hope that we did it, and him, justice.

We are rehearsing the *Monteverdi Vespers* for performance at the **Cadogan Hall on Saturday March 25 at 1930 (7:30 pm)**. More details are attached. We hope to see you there and please bring your friends; it should be well worth hearing and a full house would be great.

**Tickets** from [www.cadoganhall.com](http://www.cadoganhall.com), [www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk](http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk) or 020 7730 4500. Prices from £10 (students) to £25.00 with a **15% discount** for SW19 and SW 20 residents. You are purchasing allocated seats so we will NOT ask where you wish to sit.



### **Dates for the Diary:**

**May 27 – 30:** The Choir is in Tallinn, Estonia if you would like to provide a touring audience.

**June 10:** *AnthemFest*, a selection of traditional and modern Cathedral anthems, is at Holy Trinity Church, Wandsworth SW19 6SP. Tickets from [www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk](http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk) and more information to follow.

**June 15:** The Summer Quiz this year has been moved from its traditional Monday slot to a Thursday.

**July 7:** WCS has been invited to sing with the Central Band of the Royal British Legion at G Live in Guildford. Box Office is [www.glive.co.uk](http://www.glive.co.uk). More information will follow as soon as it is available.

**March 18:** Sonoro (led by Neil Ferris and accompanied by Michael Higgins) will perform Handel's *Messiah* at St John's Spencer Hill. See <http://www.sonoromusic.com> for further information and tickets.

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If you have not renewed your Friends subscription (due September 2016) please contact me? Thank you.

If you have recently changed, or started using, email please would you send me details? Many thanks.

We, the Choir, look forward to seeing many familiar faces at the Cadogan Hall to hear Monteverdi's *Vespers* a piece "astonishing for the grandeur of its conception and the opulence of its sound". Please join us.

Best Wishes

Colleen Spalding, Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society