

June 12 2017

Summer 2017

Dear Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society

On Saturday, June 10, we performed our *Festival of Anthems*. We started with a rousing rendition of *Zadok the Priest*, changed dynamics for more gentle pieces such as *Greater Love* by Ireland and *Like as the Hart* by Howells. The audience – hopefully - joined us in *The Old Hundredth*, and we ended with Parry's *I was Glad*. We were treated to two fabulous organ solos by Michael Higgins and Joanna Tomlinson was our soloist performing wonderfully (even in *Oh for the Wings of a Dove* despite not being a boy treble (we have a shortage of those as Neil pointed out))! As ever Neil was conducting, encouraging, inspiring, and doing everything to ensure that we perform to our optimum and that the audience is fully involved.

If you joined us, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. If you have comments for our website (www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk), or any general comments or suggestions, please forward them. Thank you.

Normally this would be the end of our 2016/2017 Season (with the exception of the Quiz of course). This year is different. We have been invited to join the Central Band of the Royal British Legion on **Friday July 7**. Neil will conduct us, the Band will be conducted by Captain David Cole and our soloists are Delea Shand and Hywel Dowsell. The Concert is at **G Live, London Road, Guildford GU1 2AA and starts at 7:30 pm (1930)**. In addition to some numbers from Saturday you will hear extracts from *Nimrod, Unforgettable Sounds* by Richard Rogers, a selection from *West Side Story* and a *James Bond Collection* plus favourites such as *Jerusalem, Rule Britannia* and *Pomp and Circumstance No 1*. It promises to be a rousing, and fun, evening. If you would like to join us, tickets are available from www.glive.co.uk, price £19.50; there is a booking fee.

The concert is not being arranged by WCS so there is no need to advise whether you are coming or where you would like to sit as you will choose your seats from the website.

Dates for Your Diary:

- July 7:** *Big Choir, Big Band, Big Music* at G Live Guildford (see above).
- September 1-30:** **Renew WCS Friends Subscriptions** please. Cheques to Colleen Spalding, 40 High Street, Wimbledon Village, London SW19 5AU or by Bank Transfer (for bank details please contact me by phone or email).
- November 18:** *Israel in Egypt*, Handel, Southwark Cathedral, London SE1 9DA.
- December 16:** *Christmas Concert*, St Paul's Church, Wimbledon, London SW19 6EW.



I hope that you have a wonderful summer. Thank you for supporting us so amazingly during this Season. We look forward to seeing you again in 2017/2018. If you have any comments, or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards

Colleen Spalding, Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society

Ps If you have acquired, or changed, your email please would you let me know. Many thanks.