

# WIMBLEDON CHORAL

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## **Dear Friend of WCS**

*It seems to have been a long time since last I was in contact and a lot has happened with regard to Wimbledon Choral.*

*Our **Spring Concert**, at the Cadogan Hall, was a success with many compliments about both elements of the programme. The **Faure Requiem** is, of course, an old and much loved favourite. It seemed however that, for many, Richard Blakford's **Mirror of Perfection** stole the show. It was not an easy sing from the viewpoint of antique Italian but it was definitely worth the effort and I think (hope) those who came to hear us will agree.*

*Thank you to all who attended. We sang to what was effectively a full house despite the best efforts of tfl to, once again, overset (or upset) our plans – once again they failed.*

*If you check our website you will know that Neil is leaving us after 15, wonderful and productive, years which I hope he has enjoyed as much as have we. He will be missed. He will be a hard act to follow. However, follow him we must. We have received 33 applications all of which have been considered. Three "finalists" will be invited to conduct the Choir on Saturday June 8. After that a decision will be made – I do not envy the Committee having to make it.*

*In the interim, please come and hear a "trailer" for our Summer Concert when we perform at **SingFest24** on **Saturday May 11**. The venue is **St Mark's Church, Wimbledon**, located between the Library and the Alexandra.*

*We start a day of singing and are followed by 16 Choirs ranging in age from primary school children to Wimbledon Oldies who are a firm favourite at the event.*

*Please join us and support those who make music across Merton and love so doing. **It is free and it is always fun.***

*You can drop in and out through the day. The **Coffee Concert** starts at **1000**, the **Lunch** one at **1215** and **Tea** at **1430**. The first 15 minutes of each will be spent rehearsing the anthem so you could sit and listen or avail yourself of the refreshments on sale all day thanks to volunteers from the Choir. The homemade sweets and savouries, I am advised, are delicious.*

***Last but definitely not least: PLEASE put June 29 in your diaries. More on our Summer Concert in the next letter.***

Kind Regards



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