



## ***Summer Newsletter Spring 2006***

### **Summer Reunion - Saturday 15 July 2006**

We have tried to respond to the comments made about the timing of the reunion last year. Having reverted back to July, we of course have met all the problems that prompted the move in the first place. You will know that the "Bell Rooms" are no more and have been replaced by the "Cloisters Café". We thought we ought to support the new Chichester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd by lunching in the café. They have no facility for separate dining accommodation but know we are to descend upon them for lunch. It is buffet service and pay-as-you-go.

As you will see, there are some important issues to discuss at the AGM presented in a paper as part of this newsletter. It is vital to have as many members as possible attending the AGM.

Tea will be served directly after the AGM at a cost of £5 per head or alternatively a family ticket (two adults and two concessions) for £10.

The Chairman is hoping to track down congregational parts for Stamford in Bb Mag and Nunc through the good offices of RSCM so we can join in singing with the choir at Evensong following our triumph in singing the Te Deum at the Gala Concert last October.

### **Programme for the Reunion**

12.00	Drinks with Dr. and Mrs. Thurlow
1.00	Lunch
2.30	AGM
3.30	Tea
4.45	Rehearsal for those singing in Evensong
5.30	Evensong

## **Beer and Skittles**

Nearly thirty members of the association enjoyed another evening at the Four Chesnuts on Saturday 18 February. Three teams contested a closely fought match over three rounds. At the end of Round 2, the CCCA Committee were narrowly ahead of the Chorister parents and the collective "Odd-Bods". Was it too much beer or just old age that led to a disastrous third round by the Committee? Suffice to say, the Chorister Parents romped home as worthy winners in the end! We plan our revenge next year, and are looking for younger members!

## **Future Events**

**Flower Festival** – The Bi-Annual Flower Festival will be held between Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 June 2006. Theme: *Let all the World in Every Corner Sing*.

If you have not been before to the Flower Festival this is always a stunning event and forms one of the major fundraising occasions for the Cathedral.

**Advent Reunion** – Saturday 2 December 2006. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

**Carol Services** – Full information and tickets are available through the Cathedral Offices.

## **Choir News**

July 2006 - The Choir will travel to take part in celebrations at Lessay, France.

2006 marks the Millennium of Chartres Cathedral. During the 7-8 October the Choir will be singing there to mark this historic event.

### **Scholarships**

Jack Bell – Music Exhibition to Winchester College

Joshua Cooter – Music Scholarship to Eton

Jack Papa and Danny Mills – Music Scholarships to Uppingham

Charlie Perry – Music Scholarship to Harrow

William Stenified – Music Scholarship to Eastham

We wish them all well in their new schools.

A voice trial was held in January attracting thirteen candidates. Dr Thurlow is confident that the Choir will be at full strength in September.

The Organ Scholarship was awarded to John Mountfield from Bristol University from September 2006.

## **Past Chorister News**

John Attwater (1981-85) moved from Wells Cathedral School to Sevenoaks to become Deputy Headmaster at Sevenoaks School in January. Along with the furniture came baby Imogen Evelyn weighing in at 9lbs 5oz on 2 December 2005 at 04:20. Congratulations to both John and Victoria.

Chris Hamel-Cooke (1955-60) has grown so fond of wine that he now intends to grow the vines and make the wine himself, thus cutting out the middle men. For those of you who

are interested in purchasing a case of the *Grand Cru Hamel-Cooke* you might like to know his vineyard is situated in Argentina. He sends his continuous apologies that he is unable to attend CCCA events for the foreseeable future. We wish him well with his new venture.

### **News from Tom Sutcliffe (1952-56)**

I stayed with Stewart Kershaw in Seattle last October and much enjoyed a concert where he conducted his Auburn Symphony Orchestra..

I very much doubt that I shall be able to attend any summer event in July as I shall probably be away working in Vienna then on *Don Giovanni* and a very rare opera called *Flammen* (also on the Don Giovanni theme) by a Hungarian composer called Erwin Schulhoff.

I was re-elected to General Synod last October/November for the 4th time and to the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England last month (the latter will very likely mean an occasional site visit to Chi).

I was in touch with Peter Spence, a probationer in 1952/3 - and one of our more distinguished ex-Prebendalians, considering he wrote *To the Manor Born*, and many other popular tv scripts. He is now living in Dorking and I have his details (but he was never a chorister).

### **Financial Report**

As an Association we have never set out to accumulate hoards of money, nor have we ever thought of asking more than the barest minimum from our membership by way of subscriptions. You will see however from our annual accounts when they are presented at the AGM, that our expenses are for ever on the increase as a reflection of our commitment to communicating with our members. This year I can only report an excess of income of but £16.39, hardly a secure margin. What money that has been accumulated only amounts to a working capital of £740, about as much as one year's administrative and communication expenses. The Committee has therefore reluctantly agreed my request for a modest increase in the subscription from the current £10 to £12 to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June this year. Younger subscriptions will increase to £6 per year.

The mechanism of adjustment for those of you paying by bankers order involves you completing the enclosed mandate form. I understand some people may wish to deal directly with their own bank (telephone or internet) but I will still need a completed form to monitor what changes have happened. Hopefully the mandate form is self-explanatory. Modifying your mandate will also give you the opportunity to include a payment to the Scholarship Fund (see next article). I know there are some people who have established banker's orders for more than the minimum required amount, and to these I send our grateful thanks. I would ask however that you fill out the Gift Aid declaration section to enable me to apportion the excess of your payment to the Scholarship Fund and reclaim the tax portion under Gift Aid.

Thank you all for your help in maintaining our financial stability.

Andrew Porter, Hon. Treasurer.

