



A Thanksgiving Evensong for the life and work of
Dr. John Birch
Organist and Master of the Choristers (1958 - 80)
together with the CCCA Reunion and AGM

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Saturday 11 May 2013

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**Were you one of John Birch's Choristers?
Come and join us to sing in his Memorial Evensong**

Timetable for the day

- 11.00** CCCA Annual General Meeting
Meeting in Vicars' Hall, Cathedral Green
- 12:15** Drinks followed by lunch (£18.30pp)
in Vicars' Hall, Cathedral Green
- 14.00** Rehearsal for those singing in Evensong,
Nave of the Cathedral
- 15:30** **Memorial Evensong for Dr. John Birch**
- 16.30** Tea, venue to be advised

**Past Choristers who wish to sing during
Evensong must return the form, either by post or
electronically*, so we know numbers and can
organise music by Monday 18 March 2013.**

I am sure that Choristers from the 60s in particular,
will be pleased to know that Dr. Richard Seal and his
wife, Sarah, will be joining us for lunch.

* David Ruffer, CCCA Chairman, by email dvdruffer@aol.com
or via the website info@chichestercca.co.uk or write to CCCA
Reunion, 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth BH6 5AN

Treasurer's Report.

As we head towards the end of our financial year, it is reasonable to make some comments about our predicted out-turn.

Our income from subscriptions is slightly down this year (£1275) as there are now 98 paying members compared to 104 last year due to a mixture of much regretted deaths and also some failure to renew. Reunion and skittles activities left us with a total excess of £144. The Summer Reunion was run on a much reduced budget and netted only £24. We also received £122 in respect of direct donations.

Our total expenses amounted to £930 which included *Once a Chorister* magazine, newsletter costs, postage and stationery. We also pay subscriptions to the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers, the Friends of Chichester Cathedral and the Friends of Cathedral Music.

Some adjustments will still need to be made to accommodate our commitment to give £750 by way of sponsorship towards the SCF organ recital (to be given this year in Chichester by Mark Wardell) and hopefully we shall see some small income from the Beer and Skittles evening due to take place in March.

If you feel you could be even more generous than you already are and wish to offer something towards the SCF sponsorship, please include it in your return from this newsletter. At present this year has given us an excess income of £760. Many thanks for your continued support.

Our Scholarship Trust is weathering the downturn, and although not making a great deal of profit from dividends, we are roughly breaking even and should look forward to an improved return in the coming years. We currently support 4 of the choristers to varying amounts. We remain unique as the only chorister association to do this.

Andrew Porter
Hon. Treasurer

SCF Organ Recital Thursday 17 July 2013

The CCCA is sponsoring the Organ Recital as part of the Southern Cathedrals Festival (SCF) which will be held on Thursday 17 July 2013.

This year Mark Wardell, (Assistant Organist of Chichester Cathedral, 1997 - 2010) is the organ recitalist.

If you are able to send a donation towards the cost of sponsorship, please send a cheque payable to "CCCA" to

Andrew Porter
CCCA Hon. Treasurer
81 Alwyn Road
Maidenhead
Berks SL8 5EJ

**Have you put
Saturday 23 March 2013
in your diary?**

**This is the date for the
Beer and Skittles Contest
at The Four Chesnuts**

You will find a booking form enclosed.
Please complete it choosing your
menu choice and return by
Monday 18 March.

Please make every effort to return
these on time!

**Choir report from Sarah Baldock,
Organist and Master of the Choristers**

We are embarking upon an exciting and busy 6 months for the Choir. This term we are recording a CD of evening music, including anthems by Wood, Tallis, Harris, Wesley and Bairstow. We will be broadcasting live on Radio 3 on 13 March – if you want to tune in, don't forget **Choral Evensong** is now at the earlier time of **3.30pm**.

In June we are touring Bamberg and Bayreuth for 6 days. Our choir concerts will be at St Moritz, Coburg and Bamberg Cathedral and Tim Ravalde will be giving an organ recital at the Magdalene Church in Bayreuth. We will sing Evensong at the Castle church in Bayreuth, finishing the tour with an orchestral mass at Bamberg Cathedral with the cathedral choir there. I imagine that many readers of this publication will have been on this tour in the past: and the current choristers and organists are much looking forward to their first visit.

The Choir fundraising events for the tour are:

Saturday 16 February, 7pm

A concert in the Cathedral given by the Cathedral Choir

Programme includes Mozart Spatzenmesse, works by J.S. Bach, Rheinberger, Brahms and some Schumann and Schubert songs sung by the Lay Vicars. Free admission with retiring collection.

Friday 17 May, 7pm onwards

In and out of love.

An opera show given by Marcia Bellamy and friends. This will be held in the Bishop's Kitchen, preceded by a reception in the Tudor Room in the Bishop's Palace and followed by desserts. Tickets on sale soon!

2013 is of course, also the home SCF and it would be great to see you all there this year. Chichester is lucky to have drawn Benjamin Britten's centenary year, and the festival will include St Nicolas, Rejoice in the Lamb, the hymns and canticles.

Mark Wardell is our organ recitalist and will also play keyboard at the 'Fringe Jazz Club' which will be a relaxing place to meet and have a drink at the end of each day. As ever, the SCF committee is very grateful to the CCCA for sponsoring the organ recital. There is too much to list here – please pick up a brochure when they are out soon. If you would like to become a SCF patron and take advantage of priority booking, please contact Janet Bendell.

j.bendell@bopenworld.com

Thank you for all your support of the choir – and we all hope to see you at a service or concert in the next few months.

**St Nicholas in horrifying
meat packing scandal...**

Far worse than the horse
meat scandal. Find out the

dreadful truth in Britten's

St Nicolas, to be

performed at the SCF

Concert on **Saturday 20**

July.

Make a note that The Choir
will be singing Choral
Evensong on Wednesday
13 March at 3.30 pm on
Radio 3.

SCF Commission

James MacMillan has been
commissioned to write a
new piece for the SCF
which will performed as
part of the concert on Sat-
urday 20 July. The piece is
called *The Offered Christ*.



CCCA Committee Elections at the AGM

The CCCA Committee is up for re-election this year. We do need new blood to help regenerate the Committee that has served for some time now and is looking in particular for past choristers from the 70s and 80s and more recent times, to put themselves up for election.

Please let the Chairman know either by snail mail, email or via the web site if you (or anyone you know) are willing to stand.

The Committee usually meets three times a year to plan the Advent and Summer Reunions, Beer and Skittles evening

Meetings are normally held in Chichester.

Date for your diary

This year the

Advent Reunion

will be held on Saturday
30 November 2013

More details in the autumn
newsletter but please reserve
the date



Federation of Cathedral Old Chorister Associations (FCOCA)

The FCOCA produce *Once a Chorister* magazine which is published annually. In the past, CCCA subs have paid for a copy of this, but as the price has significantly increased, along with postage, at the last CCCA AGM it was decided to recommend that members apply direct to FCOCA for their copy.

Please see their website for details:

www.onceachorister.org

It is believed this photo was taken in the 1980s, can anyone recognize themselves or name anyone?



We are looking for choristers who have lost contact with the CCCA.

Any up to date addresses (postal and/or email) would be very welcome.

Please contact David Ruffer, CCCA Chairman by email:

dvdruffer@aol.com or via the website, info@chichestercca.co.uk or write to 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5AN



CCCA BEER AND SKITTLE BOOKING FORM

Saturday 23 March 2013

to be held at

The Four Chesnuts, The Hornet, Chichester

meet at 19:00 for 19:30 play

Number of places: £10pp email address: _____

Please complete the form below entering your menu choice

- Cumberland sausage and mash
- Chicken Curry and Rice
- Chilli and Rice
- Battered fish and chips
- Vegetable lasagne (V)

Name (please print)	Menu choice	Past Chorister / Close / Committee / Parent / Other

If you do not pay your annual subscription by Bankers Order or you would like to become a Member of the CCCA, please add £12.00 per person to your total.

Renew your membership Join as new Member(s)

I would like to give a donation of £ to the CCCA and Gift Aid the donation

Cheque (made payable to CCCA) enclosed for £

*Please return to: Dily Ruffer, CCCA Event Secretary, 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth, BH6 5AN
by no later than **18 March 2013***



CCCA Reunion and JB Memorial Evensong – Saturday 11 May 2013

If you are singing at JB’s Memorial Evensong, please return this section of the form, with payment, by **18 March 2013**

Name: _____ Years in choir: _____

E mail address: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____ Phone number: _____

Guest(s) name: _____

Number attending AGM at 11:00

Number attending Lunch at £18.50pp

Chicken

Vegetarian

Please tick here if you wish to sing at JB’s Memorial Evensong (Rehearsal at 14:00) Bass / Tenor / Alto / Treble* (please delete as applicable)

Donation towards CCCA

Gift Aid

Total amount enclosed

Please make cheques payable to **CCCA** and return to: Dily Ruffer, CCCA Event Secretary, 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth BH6 5AN by **18 March 2013**



CCCA Reunion and JB Memorial Evensong – Saturday 11 May 2013

If you are planning to attend the Reunion but NOT sing, please return this section of the form, with payment, by **1 May 2013**

Name: _____ Years in choir: _____

E mail address: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____ Phone number: _____

Guest(s) name: _____

Numbers attending: AGM at 11:00 in Vicars’ Hall

No attending Lunch at £18.50pp

No of Chicken

No of Vegetarian

Donation towards CCCA

Gift Aid

Total amount enclosed

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Renew your membership

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