



Members' Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2018

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Welcome to our Summer term

Dear all

We start back to rehearsal on Monday 16th April for a very short Summer term. Our Concert is booked for Saturday 16th June with a programme in the course of being finalised by Jonathan centred on English Folk Songs. It will include The Sprig of Thyme which we have sung previously. If you have a copy please bring to our first rehearsal. There are only 7 Mondays when we shall be rehearsing given the two May Bank Holidays so please do try and get to as many rehearsals as you can.

The Spring term was very successful with the Concert in the Cathedral highly acclaimed. You will all have seen Jonathan's email giving the chorus a good report! And more than 20 of us enjoyed a social evening at the end of term at Chutney Joe's. We had excellent food - far too much, and had an unexpected visit from Teresa and Errol who are on a long 'working' holiday in France.

The new Coffee Rota is with this Newsletter. Especial thanks to Roland Hopwood who has taken over the responsibility for refreshments and kept everything in good order especially when Liz was away in Hong Kong. Please continue to help him by making a note of when you are on the Rota, and swapping if you find you cannot commit that night. For any last minute problems please contact Roland or Liz direct.

We have news of Colin who is unfortunately back in hospital. This is directly from his wife Janet earlier this week:

Following a bad fall straight on to his face Colin had a CT scan at Basildon hospital and was diagnosed with a bilateral subdural haematoma. We were told it was there before the fall so the pressure would have affected his balance. He had surgery on his head week later at Queens hospital on Monday 12th March and a few days after that transferred back to Basildon. He's recovered well from the surgery and the cuts on his face have healed well but he is unable to walk as yet. In his words, he's helped to shuffle inches from bed to chair. Fortunately, it hasn't affected his speech. I don't know how much progress will be made but he will be in hospital for a while and it would be impossible for him to be at home at the moment. Whatever happens more care will be needed because I will no longer be able to do it myself.

It's such a shame because Colin was hoping to get back to choir after Easter and I know how much he misses it and his other interests.

Thank you for your interest and friendship and I will keep you updated with any changes.

We also have news of Margaret Derbyshire. The last update from Robin to Liz a couple of weeks ago said:

Margaret is coping patiently and bravely with her limitations, frustrating as they are, and we are hoping that things will continue to improve, although inevitably slowly. We are going back to the surgeon next Thursday for a first look at what the operation has achieved. Unfortunately all is not well with her leg, which shows some signs of thrombosis, though not thought to be too serious.

Our thoughts are with Colin and Janet, and with Margaret and Robin.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 16th April.

David, Liz and Siobhan

Brentwood Choral Society

Rehearsal and Concert Dates 2018

School Music Room on Mondays at 7.30-9.30pm,

Summer 2018

Monday 16th April to Monday 25th June

Summer Concert - Saturday 16th June, 7pm at Hutton and Shenfield Union Church

Doubtless an end of year celebration to be arranged. Watch this space.

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 10th September to Monday 10th December
(Half term Mondays 22nd and 29th October)

A November concert to be arranged with Ingatestone CS

Our Winter Concert - Saturday 8th December

Calendar as at March 2018. Watch for changes

SUMMER TERM 2018 COFFEE ROTA (Tea, coffee, biscuits and milk provided)

16 April	Sue B.	Pam P.
23 April	Pam P.	Malcolm
30 April	Malcom.	Siobhan
7 May	<i>Bank holiday - no choir</i>	
14 May	Siobhan	Elaine
21 May	Elaine	Peter W.
28 May	<i>Bank holiday - no choir</i>	
4 June	Peter W.	Sarah W.
11 June	Sarah W.	Jenny R.
16 June	CONCERT	
18 June) 25 June)	To be advised	

If you are unable to do coffee on the day listed
please swap with some else.

Many thanks, Roland