



CCCA Summer Newsletter 2015

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Reunion and AGM

Saturday 26 September 2015

- 12 noon Pre-lunch drinks at 2 St Richards Walk by kind permission of Charles Harrison, Organist and Choirmaster
- 13:00 Lunch at George Bell House, Canon Lane with a raffle
- 14:30 Annual General Meeting at George Bell House
- 15:30 Tour of the Cathedral Treasury
- 16:30 Tea served in the Alexandra Room (entrance through the Cloister Café)
- 16:45 Rehearsal for those singing Evensong
- 17:30 Evensong

Please see enclosed booking form for further details and return to Event Secretary, 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH6 5AN by **Wednesday 16 September 2015**

Lost choristers

If you no longer receive regular information direct from the CCCA , or are in touch with other past Choristers who may have dropped off our emailing list, please let us know your new address or pass this request onto those who you think may be interested. Better still, come the Reunion with others of your era on Saturday 26 September, 2015.

Have we got your email address?

email is the cheapest way for us to let you know what is going on at Chichester on a regular basis, helping members to keep in touch and reduce costs. We currently only have an email address for half the membership.

Please send your email address to
David Ruffer, Chairman CCCA
david.ruffer@btinternet.com

Choir News from Charles Harrison

Organist and Master of the Choristers

We have at least one new probationer, Ted Troth, joining us in September, and are hoping to offer the last remaining place to a promising candidate from London who auditioned recently. Hugh Mitchell, Senior Chorister, will be taking up a music scholarship at Ardingly College in September, and the Head Chorister, Peter Hamlyn, moves to Clayesmore School and Cameron Hatton has got into Eastbourne College. Tenor Lay Vicar Stefan Kennedy moves to the Royal Academy of Music, and bass Alex Dance takes up a new position in the choir of New College, Oxford. Organ Scholar Tomek Pieczora (who recently gave a thrilling lunchtime recital) moves to Manchester University where he will study music; he will be succeeded by Laura Erel, an Indonesian national who is completing her studies at the University of Durham.

It is a very busy term for the choir. Last month, we spent three evenings recording psalms 133-150 for Priory Records: this will complete their second series of the complete psalms of David. The disc will feature chants by several musicians associated with Chichester, including Philip Armes, Harvey Grace, and the current Assistant Organist and the Master of the Choristers. On 11th June, we embark on a brief tour to Chartres, consolidating our ecumenical links with that Cathedral, and taking the choir's music-making to a new audience. On 4th July we will join forces with the Hanover Band in a concert of Viennese Masterpieces.

The gentlemen of the choir continue to excel at sport, recently beating St Paul's Chichester at cricket, and securing a *de facto* victory at croquet against Portsmouth, Guildford and Rochester. (Technically, this was a tie with Rochester, but the Master of the Choristers is assured that the moral victory was rightfully Chichester's!)

We are looking forward to the SCF at Salisbury, and after that to the Michaelmas Term which will feature a broadcast of Choral Evensong on 25th November.

Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers Associations (FCOCA)

Chichester hosted the FCOCA AGM on Saturday 9 May, 2015. The Federation is the umbrella organisation for all past Chorister associations of Cathedral and Collegiate Choirs, not only in this country but throughout the Anglican communion and few Catholic organisations as well.

It is the first time we have hosted the AGM. It took place in Vicars Hall, and both The Dean, The Very Revd. Stephen Waine and Precentor, Tim Schofield were in attendance.

Below is a photo of the delegates, in Vicars Hall



The Chairman wears a collar of office that includes all the badges of the various associations that make up the FCOCA. When an association hosts a Federation event its badge is placed directly about the Federation one. The Chichester badge can be clearly seen in the photo below.



**from The Dean,
The Very Rev'd. Stephen Waine.**

The first time I came to the Cathedral was in August 1984, when as a young deacon recently ordained I travelled to Chichester with the choir of St Peter's Church, Wolverhampton where I was curate. The choir sang services for a week in August while the Cathedral choir was on its summer break accompanied by the Allen organ which was on top of the screen.

This summer one of our visiting choirs will be the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Southport. This is the first choir with which I sang, having joined it as a six-year-old probationer. I subsequently sang in choirs at St Chad's Kirkby, St Mary's Stafford and St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. I have served as a priest in places with strong choral traditions: after Wolverhampton I was Succentor of St Paul's Cathedral, and then Vicar of St Edward's Romford.

Choral music is very much part of my life, and I am delighted to be Dean of Chichester, and enjoying the very fine music which is offered here. It has also been a pleasure to meet a number of former Chichester choristers and hear their memories of former colleagues, Organists and Deans.

I am pleased to have been able to write this brief introduction for the magazine and I look forward to working with the Choristers' Association in the coming years.

David Gutteridge

Following his conviction and imprisonment for child abuse earlier this year The Cathedral wanted CCCA members who might have been affected the chance to seek advice and support. Initially this may be done by contacting The Rev'd. Dr. Alison Green, the Cathedral's Safeguarding Officer, who is also Chaplain to The Prebendal School. Her email address is: reviolag1@gmail.com or alternatively contact Ruth Poynter, The Cathedral Visitor through the Royal Chantry.

CCCA AGM September 2015

Changes to the CCCA Constitution were approved at the 2014 AGM. As a result the new system to elect the committee officer positions will commence at the 2015 AGM which is to be held on 26 September.

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary

will be elected for a term of three years taking up their post from 1 January 2016. There will be a transition / handover period so that newly elected officers learn what the job entails rather than taking the role over cold.

If you are interested in standing for any of these positions, please submit a short personal statement of no more than 200 words that will be sent out to members prior to the AGM by **Saturday 4 September**.

A further opportunity to become involved

Liz Alder, our current CCCA Committee Minutes Secretary, is standing down at the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is being held on 26 September 2015. Would you be able to offer a small amount of your time to attend up to four committee meetings (max 2hours) and the AGM per year which are usually held on Saturday?

Job Description:

- Book meeting room for meetings (usually Alexandra Room)
- Send agenda to committee members prior to meeting via email
- Attend meetings and take notes at the meetings
- Type the minutes and circulate to committee members by email once agreed by the Chairman

If you would like to discuss any of the positions or you would like to stand as a committee member, please contact David Ruffer, Chairman either by telephone 01202 427485, email david.ruffer@btinternet.com or write to 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth BH6 5AN



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1950s Former Choristers Reunion

A group of former Prebendal pupils from the 1950s have been back in Chichester for a special reunion. The men, who visited the city on Tuesday 23rd June 2015, were all educated at The Prebendal and they were all Choristers at Chichester Cathedral.

Their day included a number of visits including meeting with the Dean of the Cathedral as well as the Organist, touring The Prebendal, visiting Pallant House Gallery and attending Evensong in the Cathedral.

Head Master, Tim Cannell, said: "It was a real pleasure to welcome them back and lovely to see them looking through old photographs and spotting themselves in the images. Our children also enjoyed seeing them around the School as past pupils met our present pupils. Some of the old boys even took part in a spot of football in the playground!"

CCCA News

Beer and Skittles, Saturday 28 February, 2015

We played again at the Four Chesnuts in the Hornet; for once the Old Choristers and Close team held on to the winners' trophy to narrowly beat the Chorister Parents.

The winning team that included Dr. Alan Thurlow, Organist and Choirmaster from 1980 - 2008 (far right)



Advent Reunion Saturday 28 November 2015

The Advent Reunion comes hard on the heels of the AGM. We are not intending to hold a formal Reunion this year but to adjourn to a nearby pub or eatery, after the Advent Procession. If you would like to reserve a seat in the Quire as in previous years and/or join us afterwards, please use the form enclosed or email fontwellbear@aol.com marking it *CCCA Advent Reunion* in the subject line.

News of Former Choristers

David Hunter 1963 - 67

David is Music Librarian in the Fine Arts Library, University of Texas Libraries, and Senior Lecturer at the Butler School of Music, University of Texas at Austin, where he has served since 1988. As a chorister of Chichester Cathedral he sang in the first English performance of the Chichester Psalms in 1965. This year he gave the Stanley Sadie Lecture in London (February) and a paper on "Music and the Slave-Trade Economy to 1784" for the Society for American Music annual meeting in Sacramento, CA (March

Mike Matthews 1960 - 63

My daughter Dale was married to Robert Fullerton-Batten in Lingfield (where my dad was vicar from 1964 to 1977) on 30th May. Two of my sisters, and also Diana and I, had been married there in the 60s and 70s. We were VERY lucky with the weather – it rained on Friday and Sunday but was dry and sunny on the Saturday. Here are a few photos .



David Ruffer 1963 - 66

Just to show that "old musicians don't die but merely decompose", here is a photo of David Ruffer on Good Friday this year, having just played at the Menin Gate with the Band of The Royal British Legion (Christchurch). They also gave a concert in Ypres itself on Holy Saturday and a Bandstand in Ostend on Easter Day.



Congratulations to

Peter Buisseret 1993 - 98

on his marriage to Karin Lundvall earlier this month. Peter has now left his job at University of Warwick and has returned to USA and now an Assistant Professor at University of Chicago.



Further congratulations to....

....**Charlie Bell (1996 - 2002)**

Charlie Bell has just completed his PhD in medical genetics, in which he investigated ways to try to prevent the onset of type 1 diabetes. He is studying at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities next year. He has been elected a Fellow of Murray Edwards College, Cambridge and a Munro Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge, and a Member of the Academy of Medical Educators. He does not get quite so much time as he would like to perform much music, but sings occasionally with Queens' College Choir.

....**Philip Craven (1994 - 99)** who has been appointed to teach history at King Edward's School in Bristol, his first teaching post.

.....**Isaac Waddington (2009 - 13)**

Isaac came fifth in this year's *Britain's Got Talent* final and was the highest placed solo singer. Simon Cowell commented during the process: "I think we've found somebody really truly special." Isaac, who won the BBC Young Chorister of the Year in 2012, now has a record deal and is busy singing at events.

Howard Jenner (1967-71) sings with the Reading Phoenix Choir, which has just performed its 800th concert, which is quite an achievement as the choir is only 46 years old. The concert, held in Reading town hall in May, was also attended by former choristers **Anthony Jenner (1966-69)** (Howard's brother and visiting England from his home in Perchtoldsdorf, on the southern outskirts of Vienna), **Mark Wade (1967-71)** and **Andrew Porter (1962-65)**, who both live very close to Reading.



Reading Phoenix Choir

Howard is second from left on the front row

Howard Jenner says "Reading Phoenix Choir is one of the UK's finest amateur choirs". It has performed at venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and Reading's Madejski Stadium as part of the London Olympic 2012 festivities. The choir was recently selected to compete at the prestigious Cork International Choral Festival 2015 in Ireland.

Treasurer's Report - Summer 2015

This is a financially quiet period of time for the Association. The majority of subscriptions have been paid to us and there is little in the way of expenses being paid out.

To date we have received £1013 from 85 paying members with bankers' orders. We usually expect a few more subscriptions to be paid in cash towards the end of the year. Last year our total income was £1258 from 94 members. It would appear therefore that the position is much the same as last year. Our level of expenses in terms of those incurred from producing Newsletters and from our subscriptions to organisations such as the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Association, The Friends of Cathedral Music and the Chichester Cathedral Friends won't become obvious until the end of this calendar year.

The Scholarship Trust Fund continues to thrive and income from our investments stays at a respectable level. The Trustees have committed the fund to continue paying the usual four bursaries for the forthcoming year totalling £16,725. So far this year £696 has been donated towards boosting the capital fund of this Trust upon which the investment income is based. It is expected that the donation total will double by next March.

Very many thanks to all of you who support the Association and our Trust fund in this way.

Andrew Porter
Hon. Treasurer.

AGM Elections

I have been on the CCCA Committee since 1994 and Chairman from 2001. I do think it is time for someone else to be elected Chairman, but am willing to stand for another term if no one else is prepared to volunteer. We need new members on the Committee with new and different ideas about how the the CCCA should move forward.

My wife, Dily, has been a committee member since 1997 and the Secretary for a number of years, and so we are both seeking to stand down, but appreciate that this needs to be done in such a way as to provide a smooth succession and not leave the Association in limbo.

David Ruffer
Chairman CCCA

Notice to all CCCA Members in the Bournemouth area

Tim Ravalde, Assistant Organist, is giving the lunch time Organ Recital at Christchurch Priory, Christchurch, Dorset at 12.30 on Thursday 5 November 2015.

The Recital is free but you do have to pay to get out!

I am sure Tim would appreciate support from any CCCA members who could attend.

Recital usually last just over an hour.

Scholarship Trust Fund, Will and Legacies

As readers will know, the **Chichester Cathedral Chorister Association Scholarship Trust Fund (CCCA STF)** provide four bursaries for boys in the choir from the income of a number of significant bequests and donations and well as the regular contributions from CCCA members and supporters.

How do you spend that lottery win? Well you too can leave your mark on the cathedral choir and reduce your inheritance tax liabilities.

Have you given any thought to really being part of the future of this Cathedral's musical foundation? We sincerely hope it will still be here and flourishing after we have all gone on to benefit from the Greater Glory. Please consider leaving our Scholarship Trust something in your Will.

Did you know that by bequeathing some of your estate to our scholarship trust fund, your generosity would not diminish the amount you leave to your loved ones by as much as you might think? The normal inheritance tax rate of 40% is reduced to 36% when a legacy of 10% or more of the net value of the estate is left to charity.

Example calculations:

For further information on inheritance tax regulations please go to <https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax/giving-to-charity-to-reduce-an-inheritance-tax-bill>

A suitable wording for your Will would be "I give the sum of £_____ (in figures and words)

OR

I give a _____% share of the net residue value of my estate to the **Chichester Cathedral Scholarship Trust Fund** (registered charity number 1090178). I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of CCCA shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

By leaving something to the **Chichester Cathedral Chorister Association Scholarship Trust Fund** you will personally become part of the history of this great Christian edifice, and what better memorial could you have than for the stones of this building to resound to the magnificent singing of the Choir for generations to come?

For further details or to register your interest in this scheme, please contact

Andrew Porter, by email
a.t.porter@btinternet.com

or by post, 81 Alwyn Road,
Maidenhead, SL6 5EJ

Thank you.

Fr David's Big Birthday Bash 7 March 2015

The Revd David Burton Evans, usually known as Fr David, celebrated his 80th birthday on *Dyth Dewi Sant* (aka St David's Day) by inviting as many former pupils as he could track down to join him in a celebratory lunch. Fifteen responded and of them ten hoped to be present at a splendid lunch the following Saturday in George Bell House.

Of the nine who made it four were ex-choristers, Dr Neil Aiton, Howard Green, Howard Jenner and Peter Nelson (né Wood). Four sent their apologies, Howard Blackett, headmaster in Zimbabwe, Keith Handley Barrister, David Hirst organist living in Paris who had a recital to give and Andrew Wicks opera singer who had a gig. There was one of the first girl pupils, Alex Toke-Nichols, née Bass. Of the non-choristers there were Andrew Bray, Michael McKerchar, Mark Wade and James Turner. Christopher White didn't make it. We were joined by various former members of staff, including Nicholas Cleobury and Ian Fox assistant organists, Keith Ross former deputy Head, Rachael Osborne former teacher, David James chorister, lay vicar and member of the Hillyard Ensemble, Roger Heath Bullock football coach and Jean Fox (née Horbury) former assistant matron. From the cathedral side, the Precentor Canon Tim Schofield and the Organist and Master of the Chorister Charles Harrison came too. Unfortunately at the last moment, the Headmaster Tim Cannell couldn't make it.

A bibulously jolly time was had by all, then after a tour of the school - an eye-opener to those used to the more Spartan conditions of 40 years ago - some of us made it to Evensong. Sadly Fr D was too late to ensure his choice of music for the service, but after the service, the assistant organist, Tim Ravell, delighted him by playing the first movement of the Elgar Organ Sonata in G (something Fr D can no longer play – arthritis), the piece he and his wife processed out to on their wedding day in the cathedral in 1975, played on that occasion by Dr Conrad Eden, Organist of Durham Cathedral.



Photos taken
by Ian Fox
(Assistant
Organist
1971-73)





DEADLINE DATES

Christmas Carol Services in the Cathedral

Tickets for Saturday and Sunday through the Liturgy and Music Department (Carol Services), The Royal Chantry, Cathedral Cloisters, Chichester PO19 1PX with stamped addressed envelope.

ADVENT PROCESSION

Please return the attached form to Dily Ruffer, Events Secretary, 40 Beaufort Road, Bournemouth Dorset BH6 5AN or email fontwellbear@aol.com by **Wednesday 18 November** for the Advent Procession on

REUNION AND AGM

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COMMITTEE ELECTION NOMINATIONS

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