



## Congratulations!!

Former Abbey Girls Choir founder-member Susannah Brooke and former alto lay clerk, Roland Deller were married in the cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We wish them well in their lives together and hope to see them at ECA events from time to time. Susannah was a member of the ECA Committee for a short while.



## It's Official – Dr Peter Hurford is 80 😊



After two celebratory concerts in the Abbey and a family gathering Peter reached the grand age of 80 on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Most appropriately this was also St Cecilia's Day, the Patron Saint of Music.

Chairman Malcolm Bury and his wife, Luanda, hosted a lunch for Peter and Pat to mark the occasion.

Long time friends, ECA co-founder and Honorary Member David Ireson and Hazel, and Committee Member John Adams and Maureen joined the lunch.

## Newcomers:

We welcome former Organ Scholar Nigel McClintock (1993 to 1994), now at St. Peter's Cathedral Belfast and former trebles David Bird (1944 to 1948 – Woollams Scholar) and Mark Jones (1964 to 1970 – Head Chorister and Woollams Scholar)

## Lost Contacts:

We have lost email contact with the following members. Please let us know if you have their e-address:  
*Thomas Evans, Elizabeth Eyre, Peter Sturt and Alfie Bates*

## Abbey Singers Evensong

The Abbey Singers will be singing the service of Choral Evensong on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 5.00 pm; please go along to the service to support them.

## Peter Holder – Organ Scholar



We also welcome Peter Holder to St. Albans and wish him well as Organ Scholar for 2010-11. Peter Holder grew up in Worcestershire, studying as a King's Music Scholar at The King's School, Worcester. He began lessons in piano and violin at the age of four and began studying organ at the age of eight.

Peter was a chorister in Worcester Cathedral Choir from 1997 for seven years before taking on the role of organ scholar at St Thomas's Church, Stourbridge. In the Summer of 2009, Peter gained his ARCO diploma, winning the Limpus and Lord St Audries prizes.

After leaving school, Peter completed a gap year as Organ Scholar at Southwell Minster. In September 2009 he began a four-year course at the Royal Academy of Music whilst working as Organ Scholar at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

## Claire Innes-Hopkins



1996 Claire 2<sup>nd</sup> row, 4<sup>th</sup> from the left,

After two very successful and enjoyable years as Organ Scholar at Peterborough Cathedral, former Abbey Girl Chorister Claire has now moved on to Oxford where she is Tutor to Choristers at Magdalen College School, and Associate Organist at the College. We wish her every success.



## Identikit!!

If you can name the probs and choristers below please email the Chairman at [malcolmgb@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolmgb@btinternet.com)



1968 Who are the two probs to the left of Andrew Thayne?



1977-8 Who are the two younger choristers to Anthony Leggatt's left?

## Souvenirs now available:

### ECA Concert Photographs - Souvenir Programmes

Copies of the photograph of the full choir singing Zadok the Priest at the ECA concert in September together with a few remaining souvenir concert programmes are now available from the chairman. A small charge will be made for the photographs but the concert programmes are **free**.

### ECA 2010 Members' Year Book

If you didn't collect your copy of the 2010 Year Book at the summer reunion or the ECA concert copies are still available on request from the chairman. **There is no charge**.

### 2010 Reunion DVDs

**A DVD of the 2010 reunion is now available. We are not allowed to sell these DVD's because they feature our professional cathedral musicians but we welcome donations to offset production and postage costs.**

If you wish to request any of the above please contact the chairman at [malcolmgb@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolmgb@btinternet.com) or by telephone 01296 630169.