



ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL EX-CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year

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The Committee of the St. Albans Cathedral Ex-Choristers' Association send seasonal greetings to you all and wish you an enjoyable and prosperous New Year.

Our Association's website has now gone live and can be accessed at the following link:
www.stalbans-exchoirassoc.co.uk

Over the next few months we hope to use the website to communicate news and forthcoming events to as many members as possible. There are a number of excellent features of this new facility, including;

- Access, via the membership page, to the Members' Directory although for reasons of data protection only limited information can be published. [If you have internet access would you please verify that your details are correct and let the Hon. Sec. know if there are any errors or omissions. If you are able to fill in gaps for former friends and colleagues whose details are missing then please contact us. If you have not registered your e-mail address with us please do so as this saves us money. Members who receive our newsletter by post are requested to contact the Hon. Sec. to confirm their telephone number, voice part and start/finish years of service at the Abbey.](#)
- Access to the Cathedral Choirs' Archives. At present only the June 2007 Reunion Choral Evensong has been uploaded but we are receiving many interesting documents and photographs, some going back to 1900. These are now being catalogued for publication on the website and for safe-keeping of certain originals within the Abbey archives.
- A links section, via which you can contact us with any questions or comments and also access the websites of St. Albans Cathedral and the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations to which we are affiliated.

We will continue to send out our newsletters by post to all members who do not have internet/e-mail access and indeed the posted copies of this newsletter are accompanied by a print out of the website to demonstrate what has been achieved. We look forward to receiving feedback and suggestions for improvements.

What's New?

The St. Albans Cathedral Former Choristers' Association, which existed from around the late 80's to the late 90's unfortunately fell into decline; however this association was never formally wound up and a modest bank balance still exists. We have been in touch with the committee members of the previous association – who are now members of the new association - and given that it would be impossible to return this money to the previous members it has been agreed that, unless objections are received, this money will be transferred to the new association. By copy of this newsletter members of the Former Choristers' Association are requested to contact us before the 31st January to register any comments.

People

We are delighted to announce that the following have accepted Honorary Membership of the Association:

Mr. Colin Walsh - Masters of the Music 1985 - 88 Dr. Stephen Darlington - Master of the Music 1978 -85
Mr. Andrew Parnell - Assistant Organist 1976 - 2001 Dr. Simon Lindley – Assistant Organist 1970 - 75
Mrs. Carolyn Lewis-Barclay - former Mistress of the Choir Robes

Honorary Membership is intended to be an acknowledgement and an appreciation of past contributions to the music excellence and well-being of the Cathedral Choirs.

Other News

"Once a Chorister" the year book published by the Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations can now be ordered via the Chairman or Hon Secretary, price £3.00 with delivery expected after 1st March 2008.

Our next Newsletter will include details for an event early in the year and the 2008 Reunion Choral Evensong.

[Outline details for the 50th Luccombe Choir Camp have now been received and provision has been made for a limited number of ECA members to visit/participate. If you wish to express your interest in visiting Luccombe and/or participating in the camp, please contact the Chairman by no later than 15th February.](#)

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