

## *Chairman's Message ~*

*Now that our changeable and wet summer is over, it is a great pleasure to launch our new programme taking the Choir into 2009. Looking back, the Choir last year worked hard to deliver some challenging music and acquitted itself well at the Easter Concert.*

*We are now ready to look forward to a new season with plans that respond to the concerns and ideas raised in the survey of members views made towards the end of the last season. Will, our Musical Director, plans to put together our first concert which will include another full choir. On this occasion we shall sing with the Chester Music Society Youth Choir. Not only will this involve us with young people, but it should also prove an added attraction for Neston audiences.*

*Unfortunately, the Youth Choir can only make the 25th April date during Eastertide, so we have no Easter Concert as such in the usual time slot (Easter is 12th April 2009). Likewise, the staging of the work by Rutter, Mass of the Children, means that we have to use the larger venue of the Parish Church.*

*It was felt by the Committee that we should spread ourselves around our churches in our programme, so we came up with the idea of a Neston Songs of Praise with the URC as our venue on 5th April. You are very much involved in the choice of hymns and I hope that you have remembered to **return to me your choice of favourite hymn sheet, handed out at our AGM on the 1st September.** Will can then plan the evening around these hymns.*

*We have also received an invitation by the Revd. Marcus Torchon to sing at a service at the Methodist Church in Bromborough on Holy Tuesday 7th April.*

*My sincere thanks to David for his four years as Chairman and his generosity. Stan has also done sterling work as Treasurer and we thank him and our Officers and Committee. Without this level of support our Choir would soon falter. David is our new Treasurer and Stan, Secretary, so we are lucky to retain their advice and knowledge for the new Season. We have reason to be both happy and grateful that Will continues to direct our singing. His talent for teaching, patience and musical ability are a rare combination - thank you Will. In short, we are well equipped for the pleasant task ahead.*

*Beautiful music, well sung, is a delight to both creators and listeners alike and I am sure that you will enjoy, with me, the pleasure of striving to do this in our own town and our own churches. Please do all you can to attend all rehearsals and functions.*

*Come sing and be joyful!*

*Graham*

# Diary of Events

## 2008

Monday ~ 1st September 7.30pm

Friday - 5th September 12.00pm

Saturday - 22nd November 9.00am

Friday ~ 12th December 7.10pm

Saturday ~ 13th December 7.10pm

Saturday - 20th December 10.30am

## 2009

Saturday ~ 17th January 7.30pm

Sunday ~ 5th April 6.00pm

Tuesday - 7th April 7.10pm

Saturday - 25th April 7.00pm

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## **Event:**

**A.G.M.** ~ Bring and Buy.

1st. Rehearsal URC Hall

**Wedding** Burton P. C. 12.30pm

**Autumn Coffee Morning** 10am.

Neston Town Hall

**Carol Concert** 7.30pm

St. Winifrides RC Church, Neston.

**Carol Concert** 7.30pm

Neston Parish Church

**Carols at Neston Farmers Market**

10.45am

**Singers Annual Dinner**

**Songs of Praise** 6.30pm

Neston & Parkgate United Reformed Church

**Methodist Church Bromborough -**

**Holy Tuesday service** 7.30pm

**Mass of the Children & Vivaldi Gloria**

with Chester Music Society Youth Choir at Neston Parish Church 7.30pm

End of Choir season after Concert

Times above are the time the singers are needed, function start times are on the right. **Please put these dates and times in your diary now whilst you remember!** Choir Season is 1st Sept 2008 to 25th April 2009

## ***Chester Music Society Youth Choir***

*This Choir is based in Hoole, Chester for rehearsals and is led by Helena Thomas, (who has sung solos for us in the past). Members range from 9 to 18 years of age and the Choir runs about three concerts per year in addition to having a joint holiday in Anglesey each year with Preludes, their associated training choir for children aged 7-11 years. The Youth Choir has done several tours including 1996 Montrose & Geneva, 1998 Italy - Riva and Garda, 2000 Prague and Krakow, 2004 Valkenberg, 2006 Ghent, Belgium. More information can be obtained from the Chester Music Society website ~ [chestermusicsociety.org.uk](http://chestermusicsociety.org.uk)*

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### ***Choir Musical Director: Will Hay***

#### ***Officers and Committee:-***

***Chairman: Graham Webber 336 4314***

***Secretary Stan Cheers 336 2213***

***Membership Secretary  
Brenda Cunnington 336 3407***

***Treasurer: David Rudd 336 1513***

***Librarian: David Clark 336 4050***

***Publicity Officer: Ina Bushell 336 2530***

#### ***Committee Members:***

***Diane Millington, Terry Feighan***