

About the Thames Vale Singers

Thames Vale Singers started life 50 years ago. In the beginning we performed concert versions of musicals in costume, and have given many concerts of Gilbert and Sullivan. However over time the choir repertoire developed a broader base including part songs, spirituales, madrigals, popular music, and the sacred and classical, almost anything in fact. Recent performances have included a Schubert Mass, Rutter's Magnificat, a fun version of Wind in the Willows and of course Christmas concerts.

Although we strive for the highest musical standards, irrespective of what we are currently singing we always have fun. Rehearsals are usually punctuated with hilarity (even those for Mozart's Requiem!). We believe that the social nature of the choir, the wide repertoire and the accent on enjoyment gives the Thames Vale Singers its unique character. We are very much a community choir and support local churches and other organisations.

Our base is Purley Memorial Hall (where we started 50 years ago) and we rehearse on a Tuesday night. We believe in open access and require no auditions or demonstration of previous musical experience from potential members. However in order to preserve the current size of the choir, and to maintain balance, we place a limit on the numbers to each part and operate a waiting list system when parts are full. The good news is that we currently have vacancies for Tenors and Basses and if you are interested in joining then you should talk to any choir member.

Bernard Soper has been musical director for the last three years. A music teacher by profession he has brought a wealth of experience of directing choral and musical groups, as well as technical knowledge in the art of singing. Under his guidance the choir has developed and is still improving.

Peter Bernard is our long-suffering accompanist. Peter has been with us many years and we never cease to be in awe of his keyboard skills either as accompanist or soloist.



THAMES VALE SINGERS

Thames Vale Singers celebrating



50 YEARS

present

A SUMMER CONCERT

SINGING THROUGH THE DECADES

A selection of classic moments from the 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s

25th & 26th July 2008, 8.00 pm

The Barn Beech Road Purley On Thames RG8 8DR

Musical Director: Bernard Soper

Accompanist: Peter Bernard

Programme Order

Welcome

Linda Stern

80's

Andrew Lloyd Webber	Phantom of The Opera	Choir
Andrew Lloyd Webber	Mungojerrie & Rumpleteaser	Sheila Allen Wendy McMahon
Andrew Lloyd Webber	Memory	Ladies Union
Andrew Lloyd Webber	Bustopher Jones	Solo: Ken Baker & Choir Men

70's

Anderson & Ulvaeus	Abba Medley	Choir
Sondheim	Send In The Clowns	Alicon Shephard Wendy McMahon
Paul Simon	Sounds Of Simon & Garfunkel	Choir

REFRESHMENT INTERVAL

Programme Order

60's

Brian Wilson	Beach Boys Medley	Choir
Bock	Sunrise Sunset	Choir
Mercer & Mancini	Moon River	Choir
Coleman & Fields	Big Spender	Melanie Griffiths Diane Miles Jill Hughes Grace Mercer Alicon Shepherd
Louis Armstrong	What A Wonderful World	Choir Men

50's

Bernstein & Sondheim	West Side Story	Choir
Rodgers & Hammerstein	Edelweiss	Choir
Wright & Forrest	Stranger In Paradise	Choir
Zaret & North	Unchained Melody	Choir
Singer, Medora & White	At The Hop	Choir
Lewis, Stock & Rose	Blueberry Hill	Choir
Charles Calhoun	Shake Rattle & Roll	Choir