



Henley Choral Society

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Short annual report for Henley Town Council 2018

Henley Choral Society continues to flourish with over 120 singers in the adult choir and around 60 in the two youth choirs. The choir was established over 40 years ago and remains a non-auditioned choir comprising singers with a range of ability, from the eager wishing to learn, to professionals. All three choirs are led by a talented professional young musical director, Peter Asprey who introduces us to classical and modern music, from Hildegard of Bingen to Paul Simon, while striving to improve our musical ability. The choirs have two, highly skilled professional pianists who play at rehearsals and performances, Anita D'Attellis and David Smith.

In the last 12 months, we have given four concerts to capacity audiences alongside professional musicians, orchestras, a brass ensemble, organist and pianist as well as singing alongside young professional soloists. These events are such a treat especially when the adult and youth choirs sing together. In addition, singers from all three choirs were invited to sing with the Chiltern Arts Festival and our Youth Choirs contributed to the Henley Youth Festival, the prestigious Henley Festival and the season of winter concerts in Wallingford.

This year we gratefully acknowledge a small Henley Town Council grant towards the expenses of a choir tour. In May we will be visiting our twin town of Falaise and will sing with Interlude, one of their choirs. This is a joint Henley Choral Society/Henley-Falaise Twinning Association venture and we are looking forward to making new friends and performing with our French colleagues. So, this is a busy rehearsal time as we practise the lovely music we will be singing in France as well as all the delightful, summery music for our concert in the Christ Church Centre on Saturday 30th June.

Susan Edwards

Chair Henley Choral Society

March 2018.

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