

Harpenden Barbershop Harmony Club (HBHC) Newsletter September 2024

-Adopt a music Creator Project update

Well, we are now back after the summer break and all our energies are going into concentrating on our **November 40th Anniversary Charity Concert**. In particular, by learning **Charlotte Botterill's** new song trilogy she has written especially for us via the 'Adopt a Music Maker' scheme, called '**In Retrospect.**' It's something different to our usual repertoire but still encompasses traditional Barbershop themes; namely sentiment, love and of course, a bit of humour!

The 3 parts are called: Kings of Herts, Echoes and The Mind's Eye.

For the latest, check out the blog on the homepage of our website on www.hbhclub.uk.

What Have We Been Up To?



To help us to hone our performance skills, our old friend **Linda Corcoran** joined us at rehearsals on June 27th and July 4th. Linda put us through our paces on 'Crazy Little Thing called Love', 'Do you Hear the

People Sing?' and 'Ghost Riders.' They were very enjoyable and informative sessions as always!

-Continuing our 40th Anniversary celebrations, all members plus partners were invited to a **murder mystery evening** at **Bennets** in Harpenden on **Friday July 26th**. It was great fun and proclaimed “A Triumph” by some. The Fish and chip



supper (plus mushy peas, gravy, curry sauce etc. etc.) provided by Godfreys was excellent and punctual.

The mystery centred around a robot called Sam, a couple of murders, plus some very dodgy characters.

The title of ‘Super Sleuth’ for the evening was presented to Peter Phillips, who can be seen above getting his certificate with members of the cast.

-Yet again we were invited to perform in the annual **Gigs in the Garden Event on Saturday 20th July at 5pm**. Somewhat unusually for this summer, the weather held up and after our repertoire songs, Peter Browell led the audience in a some Johnny Lee Hooker and army cadence ‘Call and Response’ chants. This went down very well and was thoroughly enjoyable!

And of course, we held a few of our traditional **pub garden evenings** throughout August (1st & 15th at The Oddfellows, 8th at The Queen's Head and the 22nd at The Plough & Harrow.) The weather could have been better but there was generally a good turnout. It was also good to see a few friends and some of the Abbey Gateway Orchestra attending.



Upcoming Events

There's really only one thing to say here! As you should all know by now, the **World Premiere** of our new song "Echoes" will be performed at a charity concert (for Macmillan) at 7pm on **Saturday 16th November at St John's Church in Harpenden**, which will also double up as our **40th Anniversary Concert**. This will be a joint concert with The St Albans based **Abbey Gateway Orchestra**.

More details below. Now is the time for family and friends of the club to secure tickets before they go on general sale.

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NOVEMBER 16

HBHC
Harpenden Barbershop
Harmony Club
plus Abbey Gateway Orchestra

'The Kings of Herts'
40th Anniversary Charity Concert

Harpenden Barbershop Harmony Club (HBHC) is a chorus singing four part acapella.

*As well as singing popular songs, this event will see HBHC, with special guests **Abbey Gateway Orchestra**, perform world premiere of **Charlotte Botterill's** song trilogy. Charlotte, has created this music for HBHC as part of 'Adopt a Music Creator' project.*

Entry is a £15 donation to Macmillan which includes a complimentary glass of wine on arrival.

Tickets are limited so BUY them now by emailing andrewmckenzie196@gmail.com with your name and number of tickets.

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start
St John's Church, Harpenden, AL5 1DJ

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Fundraising for **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

The programme for the evening is as follows:



SHOW PROGRAMME

6:30pm onwards: ARRIVAL (and pre-show drink)

7pm. SHOW COMMENCES

-Kings of Herts (introduced by Mike Rose)

Do You Hear the People Sing? (Boublil/Schonberg/Kretzmer)

To Make You Feel My Love. (Dylan)

Shenandoah. (Traditional)

California Dreamin.' (Phillips/Phillips)

Let It Snow. (Cahn/Styne)

Crazy Little Thing Called Love. (Mercury)

Ghost Riders in the Sky. (Jones)

Sweet Caroline. (Diamond)

Abbey Gateway Orchestra

Music for the Royal Fireworks. (Handel)

By the time I get to Phoenix. (Webb)

Falling Leaves. (Botterill)

The Clog Dance *from* La Fille mal Gardee. (Herold)

Alfie. (Bacharach)

7:50. INTERVAL (15mins)

8:05 SECOND HALF BEGINS

-Kings of Herts (introduced by Charlotte Botterill)

World Premiere of Charlotte Botterill's song trilogy, "**In Retrospect**"

(Kings of Herts, Echoes, The Mind's Eye.)

-Abbey Gateway Orchestra

Dance of the Hours *from* La Giaconda. (Ponchielli)

Jaunting Car *from* Ring of Kerry. (Hope)

New Beginnings. (Gargrave)

Reverie. (Beach)

Over the Rainbow. (Arlen)

-Kings of Herts & audience (introduced by Peter Browell)

-Call and response songs.

-KOH, AGO and audience

-Sound of Music singalong. (Rodgers/Hammerstein)

-Kings of Herts. Let's get together again/Keep the Whole World Singing Medley. (Stern)

8:50. SHOW ENDS. Join us for Afterglow in The Engineer next door

We hope to see many of you as possible there. It's now up to us to put in all the hard work to make it an enjoyable evening for all.

Finally..... and so sorry to mention Xmas already..... but we have one more appearance pencilled into our diaries for 12 noon on **December 1st** at the **Redbourn Christmas Fair** in Cumberland Gardens. (They do like us in Redbourn!) We will be singing traditional Christmas fayre and hoping it will be a dry morning....unlike last year!

Now where did I put that jumper?

