

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

Cathy Burdett
Alison Cavadino
Jen Holmes
Samantha Meech
Joanna Newell
Patricia Pretious
Rohini Rajendram

Alto

Diana Meteyard
Anna Moorby
Diana Newlands

Tenor

James Bishop
Chris Mear
Hugh Meteyard
Geoff Williams

Bass

Richard Barnard
John Hall
Greg Hartwell
David Hatch

The Crofton Singers is a friendly chamber choir, rehearsing from 8.00 pm on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF during term times. New members of all ages are always welcome: there are no formal auditions – selection is by mutual agreement after a few rehearsals. The choir has a very wide and varied repertoire including sacred, secular, classical and modern music: from Bach to Bernstein, Tallis to Cole Porter, Rachmaninov to Vaughan Williams, eight-part Mediaeval Latin Mass to the close harmony of the Barber Shop. We perform locally three or four times a year. Social events for all the family also form part of the calendar. If you'd like to come and sing with us, or want some more information, just pick up the phone and have a chat with the chairman Joanna Newell on 07866 186501 or contact us via our website:

www.croftonsingers.org.uk

Please also contact us if you would like to make a donation to support the Crofton Singers. As a registered charity we can claim Gift Aid on your donation which can increase its value at no extra cost to you.



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director: **Simon Pusey**

Organ: **Chris Mear**

A few of our Favourite Sings

**A varied programme selected by
members of the Crofton Singers**

7.30 pm on Saturday 13th July 2013
St. Mary's Church, South Woodford, E18 2PA

Tickets £10, Concessions £8, Under 12s free



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Programme

Bogoroditsye Dyevo Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)
The Call of Wisdom Will Todd (b. 1970)

From *Five Epigrams* (Poems by Robert Burns) Nicholas Maw (1935-2009)
1. *On a Noisy Polemic*
3. *On a Henpecked Country Squire*
5. *Andrew Turner*

Sweet honey sucking bees John Wilbye (1574-1638)
Salvator Mundi Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

From *The Nation's Favourite Poems*
If... & The Way through the Woods Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)
Hugh Meteyard

Yugoslav Folksongs Matyas Seiber (1905-60)
1. *The Unfaithful Lover*
2. *Handsome Mirko & Eighteen Shining Buttons*
3. *Heaven Above*
4. *Hussars & Fairy Tale*
Solos: Rohini Rajendram, James Bishop & Richard Barnard

Valiant for Truth Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
To be sung of a Summer night on the water (I) Frederick Delius (1862-1934)

Interval

The Blue Bird C V Stanford (1874-1934)
Solo: Joanna Newell

Draw on sweet night John Wilbye (1574-1638)
The long day closes Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Teddy Bears' Picnic John Bratton (1867-1947), arr. Andrew Carter
It was a lover and his lass Ward Swingle (b. 1927)
Solos: Anna Moorby, Rohini Rajendram, Chris Mear & Richard Barnard

From *The Nation's Favourite Poems*
Macavity: the Mystery Cat T S Eliot (1885-1965)
Pat Pretious

Geographical Fugue Ernst Toch (1887-1964)
Italian Salad Richard Genee (1823-95)
Solo: Richard Barnard

Miss Otis Regrets Cole Porter (1891-1964), arr Martin Pickard
Summer time George Gershwin (1898-1937), arr Roderick Williams
Solos: Joanna Newell & Geoff Williams
Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen (1905-86), arr Guy Turner

Simon Pusey became our Musical Director in September 2009. Simon also conducts the Hemel Hempstead Singers, is the Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead, and is active as a singer, piano accompanist and teacher. He has been constantly involved in musical activities as Organist, Choirmaster and Director of Music and sometimes singer with a wide variety of professional and amateur ensembles. He has had previous connections with the Crofton Singers. The choir's first conductor was his godfather, the composer Raymond Warren. Simon sang in the choir himself for a short while before leaving for University. Not only that, his father, Andrew Pusey, was its conductor for a while in the 1970s.

Chris Mear began learning the piano at the age of five, and went on to study under Sandro Ivo Bartoli. Between 2000 and 2003 Chris was an organ scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, during which time he also gave a number of piano recitals focusing on music by Chopin and Ravel. Chris now lives in London and works as an organist, accompanist and piano teacher at Forest School, Snaresbrook.

Future Concerts:

Participation in Our Big Gig
Sunday 14th July, 1.15-1.45 pm, Victoria Park, Hackney

A repeat of *A few of our Favourite Sings*
Saturday 14th September, 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church, Redbourn, AL3 7NL

Christmas Concert, Saturday 14th December, 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church, South Woodford

Concert of Tudor Music, Saturday 8th March 2014, venue tbc