



North West Honour Choir 2013



BOB CHILCOTT –photo JOHN BELLARS

Bob Chilcott has been involved in choral music for most of his life, having been a chorister and Choral Scholar at King's College, Cambridge, and a member of the vocal ensemble The King's Singers for twelve years. Since 1997 he has been a full-time conductor and composer, and has over 150 works published by OUP.

His work has been embraced by many choral organizations and festivals worldwide including ABCD, the American Choral Directors Association, Europa Cantat, Festival 500 in Newfoundland, the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans, and the Song Festival in Tallinn, Estonia. He conducts regularly in Japan, and in the USA, and makes frequent return visits to Canada, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and other European countries.

For seven years, from 1997 to 2003, Bob Chilcott conducted the choir of the Royal College of Music in London, and in 2002 he was appointed Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers. He has also conducted many distinguished choirs worldwide including the RIAS Kammerchor in Berlin, the World Youth Choir, Jauna Musika in Lithuania, Orphei Drangar in Sweden, the Taipei Chamber Singers, the Tower New Zealand Youth Choir, and the Vancouver Chamber Choir.

In 2012 the new upper-voice jazz works, *Nidaros Mass* and *Jazz Songs of Innocence* were published by OUP, and in 2013 he will complete a new setting of the Passion, from St John's Gospel, for Wells Cathedral Choir, and *Five Days that Changed the World* for the Worcester International Festival for Young Singers where he will conduct the SATB youth choir in July.

CDs featuring his music will be released by the Wroclaw Philharmonic Choir and the current BBC Choir of the Year, the Wellensian Consort.

We have arranged three workshops to be led by Bob Chilcott as training days for the choir. The first two on Saturday February 9th and Sunday April 28th will be held at **Longsands Community Primary School, Fulwood, Preston** with easy access from the M6 Junction 31A.

The third workshop and concert on June 8th will be at **Fulwood Methodist Church PR2 8EA**

The concert at 7.30 pm is to be shared with the **Preston Cecilian Choral Society** a mixed voice adult choir. It will be open to the public. The children will perform in each half of the concert.

Singers:

If you have been a member of the Honour Choir before OR are in Year 5, 6, 7 or 8 from September, 2012, you can apply.

All you need is to love to sing. You should be able to sing in tune and be fairly good at holding your part when the music divides into several parts. You may or may not already be in a choir but you must be keen to try and willing to spend time learning the music. You will need to have the recommendation of a teacher either from school or your private music teacher. Good manners will be expected so that we can all enjoy the music.

Please be sure to ask a parent or teacher to help you fill in the application form.

Honour Choir applicants will be required to pay a participation fee of **£36.00**, payable to ABCD. This will go towards workshop costs and is not refundable.

Places are limited so please apply promptly and no later than the end of December 2012

Do you love to sing?

Have you been in the Honour Choir before or are you in Year 5, 6, 7 or 8?

Join the

**NORTH WEST
HONOUR CHOIR 2013**

**Work with Bob Chilcott
and sing with other children
who love to sing.**

Apply now

**NORTH WEST HONOUR CHOIR 2013
APPLICATION FORM**

Name

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email

Date of birth: Day/Month/Year

Age at 1st January 2013 Yrs..... Mths.....

Male? Female?

School attended

Recommendation from teacher (for new members)

Choir(s) attended if applicable

Please tell us a little about your son's/daughter's singing and/or musical experience, especially any participation in a choir: A letter may be attached if you wish.

Rehearsals:

Sat. 9th February & Sunday 28th April 2013

Registration from 9.30, workshop 10.00 – 15.00

Longsands Community Primary School

Longsands Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9PS

(just off Junction 31A of the M6)

Workshop and concert: Saturday 8th June

Registration from 10.30, workshop 11.00 – 15.30

Concert 19.30

Fulwood Methodist Church Crossroads Centre PR2 8EA

Before signing please check your availability on these three dates and book them in your diary!

I agree that my son/daughter:

Name.....

if chosen to sing in the Honour Choir, **will attend both of the above rehearsals and the workshop and concert.**

I note that the fee of £36 (payable to ABCD) is to be paid with this application.

Signed

Parent/Guardian

Please detach this application form and send to:

Mrs Mavis Fletcher
Honour Choir Administrator
6 Sunnyhill
Fulwood
Preston PR2 9BF

You may like to keep this information handy:

Mrs Mavis Fletcher
Honour Choir Administrator
6 Sunnyhill
Fulwood
Preston PR2 9BF

Phone: 01772 655939

Fax: 01772 791264

Email: mavis@enterpriseco.demon.co.uk

Please feel free to contact the Administrator with any queries that you may have.

You may like to find out more information about the **Association of British Choral Directors.**

This is available from the website: **www.abcd.org.uk**

Or by contacting:

Rachel Greaves

ABCD General Secretary

15 Granville Way, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4AS

tel: 01935 389482

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REMINDER

Workshop dates are :

February 9th, Sunday April 28th and June 8th 2013

By prior arrangement with the Honour Choir Administrator, teachers are welcome to observe the workshops at a cost of £10 per day.

Cheques payable to ABCD should be sent to Mavis Fletcher, 6 Sunnyhill, Fulwood, Preston. PR2 9BF

No cheque book? Pay abcd by Mastercard or Visa by telephoning Len Fletcher on 01772 704834

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