



## **NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010**

### **Gospel Workshop Day**

This event takes place on Sunday 13 June at the Perse Girls Senior School in Cambridge and is for 9-13 year olds.

Tina Brooks is running the day; she was Musical Director of the award-winning London Adventist Chorale (LAC) and has recently coached the Gospel Choir from Maria Fidelis Convent School, helping them to win this year's BBC *Songs of Praise* Senior Schools' Choir of the Year competition. In 2005, Tina formed the Whittlesford Community Gospel Choir (WCGC), comprising 70 singers who regularly perform Tina's compositions and arrangements to sell-out audiences in Cambridgeshire.

The afternoon workshop and early evening concert should be a really fun experience for the children, giving them a chance to try something very new.

### **Events**

*Workshop Entertainment* - Thanks to all those who took part, helped and/or came along as audience. Much fun was had by all, (I think!) and we raised somewhere in the region of £750 - WELL DONE!

*Babraham Concert* - A really successful event with a full church. Excellent playing from the string orchestra with soloists Helen Morillo and Susannah Worster and angelic singing from the Workshop Choir. Thanks particularly to Linda Whitebread and Janet Macleod for preparing their groups.

*Members' Concert* - Always a full afternoon of music, stage management and plenty of nerves, but also most enjoyable. Well done to all who took part!

### **School Issues**

I know I put this in every newsletter, but reminders are still needed that children should be supervised at all times. They should not be allowed in classrooms without an adult present. Problems are indeed rare but I recently had an email from the Head saying that a stamp had been taken in one of the classrooms and used to stamp along all the shelves in the room. This is embarrassing and unfortunate as our relationship with the school is normally so good!

### Erratum to Limited Workshop programme

Please note that Martyn Postle's guitar group was not correctly described, (apologies!) and should be...

- 1) Guitars, fiddles, banjos, & mandolins
- 2) Bluegrass, folk & country music only
- 3) Attendees should be good enough to play from music, be able to read tab, or be able to play by ear

### Burwell House weekend 16<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup> July - reminder!

About 30 of us are going to Burwell House in July for another weekend of singing and fiddle playing - but there is still room for more! The choir will be singing its usual wide repertoire, this time from Byrd to the Beatles, and we are delighted that Peter Britton will be joining us as one of the choir conductors. You can either sing, or play, or do both, and there is also time for informal music making, or just recovering after the wonderful meals! Contact Linda Whitebread (lindawestern2001@yahoo.co.uk) or Gill Haughan (gillhaughan@hotmail.com) a.s.a.p. for more details.

### Dates for your diary

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| Children's Music Theatre "African Jigsaw" | <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b> | <b>5p.m.</b>  |
| Instrumental Audit                        | <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>10a.m.</b> |
| Registration for 2010-2011                | <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>10a.m.</b> |

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