



Portsmouth Area
Newsletter
(Isle of Wight and Mainland)
Summer 2009

From our Area Chairman...



Greetings to all members of the RSCM in the Portsmouth Area and all who are working to lead music in our worship.

The local RSCM has been busy over the past year, but we have not circulated a newsletter for a little while and so there are a number of events to be celebrated.

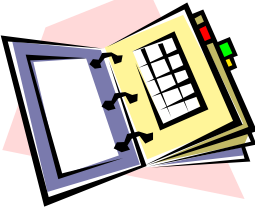
Last year's Festival was a challenging sing, but the assembled choirs sang superbly under the direction of Michael Stoddart. Soon afterwards we bade farewell to Michael as he moved to take up the post of Master of Music at Newcastle Cathedral. We thank Michael for all he did to support the RSCM in this area.

We look forward to welcoming Simon Lole back again to direct this year's festival 'Angel Voices' on 10th October. Simon was until recently Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral. Now freelance amongst other things he presents on BBC Radio Three and is, appropriately enough for us this year, Music Director for the pop group 'All Angels'.

Cathedral SingUp is in full swing the moment. The cathedral choir and music staff have been working with schools such as Wooton, Binstead, Cottage Grove, Paulsgrove and Craneswater to promote singing in choirs as part of the government's Music Manifesto. If you would like us to work with your local school please email singup@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Please do take a look at a number of events both committees are planning and I hope to see you at some of them.

David Price



Forthcoming events:

Put these dates in your diaries
NOW!

AREA FESTIVAL

'ANGEL VOICES' - a sequence of music and readings on
the theme of Angels

Saturday 10th October
1.30pm for 5pm Service
Portsmouth Cathedral.

Directed by Simon Lole;
Marcus Wibberley (Organ)

Festival rehearsals:
Monday 21st September (Mainland) &
Thursday 24th September (IoW)



RSCM DEAN'S and BISHOP'S AWARD EXAMINATION DATES
July 11th 2009 & January 16th 2010

MUSIC & LITURGY CONFERENCE

Saturday 14th November 10am - 4pm
Portsmouth Cathedral

Speakers:

Rev'd Peter Moger (National Liturgy Officer)
& Jan Payne (Ely Diocesan Director of Music)



Why not duplicate copies of this newsletter so all
your choir members can find out what's going on?



MAINLAND EVENTS

3rd October 7.30pm
Introducing "Season by Season"
With John Barnard
at All Saints Botley.

2nd February 2010 7.30pm
Taize Evening for Candlemass led by Dominic Clarke at All
Saints, Denmead.

Also in the pipeline:

February 2010

Meet the King of Instruments. An organists workshop for
individual participation.

Sunday 2nd May 2010

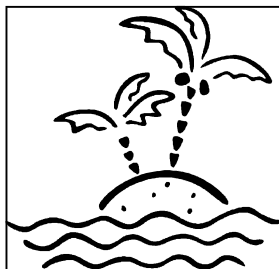
Come and Sing Evensong at Holy Trinity, Fareham
led by Rosemary Field

This event is to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Church.

Autumn 2010

Morning for Young Singers with Sarah Baldock.

ISLE OF WIGHT EVENTS



7th July 2009 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Junior Choristers Barbecue at
Whippingham Garden.

12th October 7.30pm
Meet, Eat, and Sing
with John Barnard introducing
"Season by Season".

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Mainland committee members:

David Burgess, *All Saints, Botley*

Paul Freathy, *St Simons, Southsea*

John Witham, *St Faiths, Lee on Solent*

Ruth Grant, *All Saints, Denmead*

Keith Miller, *St Peters, Titchfield*

Hazel Ricketts, *Holy Trinity, Fareham*

Island committee members:

Caroline Jacobs, *St Marys, Carisbrooke*

Leslie Snow, *St James, East Cowes*

Freda McCutcheon, *St Marys Cowes*

Marian Dark, *Holy Cross, Binstead*

Jean Barker, *All Saints, Ryde*

Howard Wilkie, *St Catherines, Ventnor*

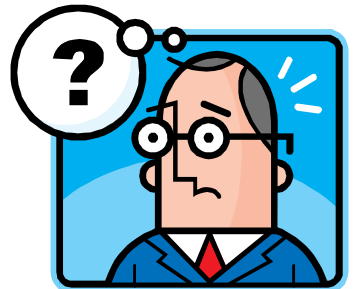
Andrew Pellow, *St Albans, Ventnor*

Rachel Salter, (*based on the mainland*)

We need help!

RSCM Portsmouth is looking for:

- A new Chairman for the Mainland Committee to replace Michael Stoddart
- An Area Treasurer following John Austin's retirement



If you think you can help by filling either of these posts (or can think of someone who could!) please get in touch with the Area Chairman, David Price (contact details above).