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Retirement

Dear Friends

Many of you will remember that in 2012 I announced my intention to retire as your conductor after our performance of Gerontius in May 2013. In the event, and after a little lobbying by some members of the choir, I decided not to stand down but to continue for a year or two more. After so many years the decision to retire was never going to be an easy one but I now feel that the time is right for the choir to have a new conductor/musical director. I have therefore agreed with your Committee that I will retire at the end of our current season and after our performance of The Creation in May 2016.

I look forward to the rest of the season and in particular performing 2 staples of the choral repertoire with you in the spring

Robin Wells



I'm sure that many of you will feel sad, but not surprised, that Robin has made his decision to stand down as our musical director, after 47 years! I know that some of you have sung with him for a good part of that time and will probably feel apprehensive about change. Now that Robin has announced his retirement it gives me the opportunity to outline what the Committee is doing to find his successor.

A 'Recruitment Working Party' has been set up from within the main Committee comprising 5 members with support from Robin as required. The recruitment timetable is as follows;

31 st October 2015	Vacancy advertised
15 January 2016	Closing date for applications
Week/comm. 22/2/2016	Interviews to be carried out
Wednesday 2/3/2016	Shortlisted candidates to
Wednesday 9/3/2016	audition with the choir

The successful candidate will be appointed before the end of our 2015-16 season and will be officially in post from 1st September 2016

If you have any questions or want further information, don't hesitate to speak to me, Alan Kimber, Alan Barber, Diana Geering or Susie Walker

Chairman

Committee Vacancy

Almost as significant as Robin's retirement is the fact that our excellent secretary, Lynda Godfrey, will be standing down at the AGM in January. Lynda has been 10 years in this role, keeping the rest of the Committee (and Robin) on track and deserves a well-earned rest. The secretary's role is a crucial one in the running of the choir and, in fact, under the terms of our constitution, is one of the 3 officers that the choir MUST have. The main aspects of the job are booking rehearsal venues, preparing the agenda for Committee meetings, attending those meetings, taking and circulating minutes. The secretary also co-ordinates and sends out the summer mailing, maintains the Society's database, makes up registers and keeps them from week to week and produces a welcome pack to give out to new members. If you are a well-organised person with good IT skills and perhaps a little shorthand, please have a chat with Lynda about the role and think about offering your services.



Website

(www.farnham-choral.org.uk).

As part of my remit as Website Liaison, I was asked by the committee to put together a Facebook page for the choir, which I have now done. You can find it here: https://www.facebook.com/Farnham-and-Bourne-Choral-Society-1735660746646985/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

I have added Events for all three upcoming concerts - please do share these as widely as possible to increase our ticket sales!

If you have any photos of the choir, either in performance or rehearsal and you are happy for them to be used in rotation then please email them to me - barber.alan1@gmail.com

Likewise, if you have any suggestions or comments then please email me or catch me on a Wednesday evening.

Alan B

Stop Press

We had a terrific evening of quizzing last evening (28 November) It was good to have so many choir members turning out and bringing along family and friends. Quizmaster Alan Barber controlled proceedings (just about) and got all our brains buzzing with some very difficult questions! I do hope you all enjoyed it – watch out for future social events and come along to support your choir.

