

Welcome to the start of a new KAOS year. The committee elected for 2010-11 is as follows:

Jon Jewitt	Chairman	01865 762858
Annie Kent	Treasurer	01993 812026
Alison Jewitt	Secretary	01865 762858, 148 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 7SZ
Jenny Betts	Publicity co-ordinator	
Tony Boughton		
Peggy Braybrooke	Patrons' secretary	
Mary Clarke	Membership secretary	
Rosemary Smith		

Following the AGM on 22 February, members' subscriptions have been increased by £3 to £53 a year, while patrons' remain at £22.50 (or £40 double), and all are due by 31 March. Annie Kent or Mary Clarke will be pleased to have your membership cheques (made payable to KAOS) as soon as possible. Members whose subscriptions have been allowed to lapse for a year or more need to re-apply for membership. Do remember to let our membership secretary, Mary Clarke, know if your contact details change. Peggy Braybrooke is contacting Patrons individually.

Applicants currently on the waiting list may be invited to become members when the new year's subscription numbers are known, but further applications are encouraged, particularly from men! Please ask for an application form for anyone who would like to join or re-join, or download a form from the website, www.kaosinoxon.org. We are also pleased to welcome new Patrons and to acknowledge their support both for us as a Society and for the arts locally. Please speak to Peggy Braybrooke if you know of potential Patrons.

Members participating in the autumn stage show will be asked to pay a production fee of £25 towards costs of costumes, set design etc. Spring and Christmas concerts may necessitate a small charge towards the cost of music hire.

Membership is also offered to 16-18 year olds at a reduced fee of £10 (plus a reduced production fee of £10, if appropriate). Applicants would need to show an interest in music and complete an application form available from the Membership Secretary or the website.

Choir members are reminded that they should send apologies if unable to attend a rehearsal, and a good level of commitment both in terms of attendance and effort is expected.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Congratulations to the Honorary Members for 2010: Colin Ware and Margaret Charlett for their years of hard work over and above their duties as committee members; and Stanley Braybrooke for his continuing multiple services to the Society. Up to four Honorary Members each year are nominated by the committee and confirmed at the AGM, to recognise people who give a huge amount of time and effort in working for KAOS. They have Patron's status for one year and do not pay a subscription fee, though are liable for the usual individual charges for music hire and any production fees.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome recent new members Rebecca Gabel (alto), Jane Hedges (alto), David Hughes (bass), Thomas James (tenor), Stewart Pinkerton (bass) and Margaret Smith (alto).

The committee would also like to record its thanks to members and friends who help behind the scenes throughout the year, whether with front of house at concerts and shows or building and painting the sets for stage productions. Their support is much appreciated.

WEBSITE

The Society's website (www.kaosinoxon.org) has now been running for a year in its present format, and is becoming better used. Contributions of suitable material – whether news items or photographs - are always welcome. Please speak to Jon Jewitt at rehearsal or send items direct to info@kaosinoxon.org.

SPRING CONCERT 2010: Breezy Bach to Jazzy Folk

Friday and Saturday, 7 and 8 May 2010, St Mary's Church, Kidlington

Paul Ingram has put together a programme which moves from straight renditions of choral works by Bach through to jazz interpretations made popular by Jacques Loussier and the Swingle Singers of the 1960's and 70's. The second half of the concert will consist of nine folk songs from around the world, arranged in a variety of styles by Bob Chilcott. If you are not singing in the concert, please come and support us and encourage your friends to come, too. Tickets are now on sale at £10 (£8 concessions) through our box office: 01865 375613, and are also available from Alison's Animals, Garden City; Jane's, High Street and Building Supplies, High Street.

AUTUMN PRODUCTION 2010: Princess Ida

20-23 October 2010, Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

We welcome back Mary Ross as director for this year's stage production, Princess Ida. This Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is less frequently staged than some, but its satirical treatment of women's education and military might provide the usual wit and wisdom accompanied by some of Sullivan's best melodies.

Rehearsals start on 17 May, with auditions for all principal parts planned for late May. Please complete the attached questionnaire if you would like to participate in any way in the show – whether on stage, behind the scenes, or with front of house – and return it to the producer, Jenny Betts, by the end of April. As ever, there will be plenty for everyone to do!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2010

21-22 December 2010, St Mary's Church, Kidlington

This year's concert is planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 and 22 December at 7.30 pm. Rehearsals start on 2 November and a full rehearsal schedule will appear later in the year.

SPRING CONCERT 2011

Saturday 7 May 2011, Oxford Town Hall

Next year's spring concert on Saturday, 7 May, will be a joint concert with Woodstock Music Society in the Town Hall in Oxford. The programme has a nautical feel, consisting of Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony*, Beethoven's *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage* and Mendelssohn's *Calm Sea and a Prosperous Voyage*. The orchestra will be the Oxford Symphony orchestra. Further details of the concert will be available in due course.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Margaret Charlett will continue to coordinate social activities for KAOS and she is always pleased to receive suggestions for events or offers of help. We are always keen to see current and recent members and patrons at our social events, so please keep in touch. Please contact Margaret at rehearsal or on 01865 374240 with suggestions for activities or offers of help with future events.