

The *Promenade Junior Choir* was set up in June 2008 by Christopher Goldsack to provide a high quality singing opportunity for children in Walton and Hersham. It aims to give young singers an introduction to the riches of choral music. Members are expected to work hard, but the atmosphere is warm and supportive. Christopher is a singer and singing teacher from Hersham, and his emphasis is on good singing technique and ensemble work. This is the choir's seventh concert. Its programmes are getting progressively more challenging, whilst the children are gaining in vocal experience and confidence. Performances through the year have been facilitated by a grant from the Charity of Robert Phillips.

In January 2009 Christopher set up a new choir for older singers, and has received a grant from the R.C.Sherriff Trust to facilitate this. The *Promenade Youth Choir* caters for singers aged 12 -18. This is now its fourth concert. As with the Junior Choir it is a challenging but friendly and lively ensemble.

The Promenade Choirs work in close association with several local schools. Care is taken to ensure there are as few conflicts of timetable as possible, and Christopher has been into schools to give singing workshops.

For today's concert the Promenade Choirs are joined by *MamaVox* - a singing group based in Walton-on-Thames, led by Janet Shell and assisted by Jo Humphries. MamaVox aim to raise the profile of singing as a healthy as well as a fun pastime. It is open to any one who wants to sing, including complete beginners, and for one or two in the choir it is the first time they will be singing in public. But as Jo says: 'It's not just that singing is good for your physical health - it also improves your confidence and makes you a happier person. It really does make you feel good!'



Promenade
and MamaVox

Christmas Concert

St Peter's Church,
Hersham,

3.30pm Sunday December 6th 2009

**A programme of festive
and seasonal music**

Promenade directed by **Christopher Goldsack**

Accompanied by **Pam Phillips**

Mama Vox directed by **Janet Shell**

assisted by **Jo Humphries**

the **RCS**herriffTrust
advancing the arts in Elmbridge



Programme

Junior Choir

Once In Royal David's City

Solo: Rebecca Lacey

Rocking Carol

Shepherd's Pipe Carol - Rutter

Semi-Chorus: Lottie Buchanan, Tara Broekhuizen, Helena Drosdzol

The Time of Snow - Chilcott

The Virgin's Slumber - Reger

Silent night - arr. Bullard

Sans Day carol - arr. Hunt

Ding dong! Merrily on high - arr. Hunt

Walking in the Air - Blake

Solo: Max Thorne

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas - Willson

MamaVox

Big Spender - Coleman

Dona nobis pacem

Orchestra song

Nanuma - African folksong

Surprise item - Ho! Ho! Ho!

Winter Wonderland - Bernard

Interval

Youth Choir

The Reluctant dragon - Rutter

Narrator - Miles Ascough

Boy - Beth Goldsack

Dragon - Matthew Palfreyman

St George - Mike Smith

Master of Ceremonies - Andrew Clarke

Members of the Promenade Junior Choir:

Lottie Buchanan

Abigail Clarke

Helena Drosdzol

Saskia Hawkins

Courtney Lovell

Isabella Sasso

Elena Viglienghi

Amber Broekhuizen

Emma Clarke

Manon Hagger

Rebecca Lacey

Hannah Mowbray

Max Thorne

Benedict Williams

Tara Broekhuizen

Sophie Davey

Kristin Hawkins

Amy Lewis

Daisy Sheppard

Eloise Timms

Members of the Promenade Youth Choir:

Imogen Allen

Fleur Eldridge

Summer Greenaway

Olivia Mitchell

Mike Smith

Miles Ascough

Ford Eldridge

Rachel Harris

Laura Moore

Naomi Vidis-Humphries

Andrew Clarke

Beth Goldsack

Helen Lawrence

Matthew Palfreyman

Members of MamaVox:

Jane Corden

Sarah Davey

Jane Griffith-Ward

Carol Hooker

Jo McLeod

Marion Tempest

Louise Walker

Rose Cox

Liz Farmer

Cathy Herbert

Sarah James

Rachel Occamore

Stella Thomas

Laura Whaley

Dee Crisp

Wendy Fitch

Fiona Hnatow

Rachel Jennings

Danielle O'Neill

Jo Thompson

Anybody interested in joining the *Promenade Junior* or *Youth Choirs* can visit the *Promenade* website www.promenade.org.uk or call Christopher on 01932 242805.

New members for *MamaVox* should call Jo on 01932 248115.

Dates for the diary:

The next rehearsal for the Promenade Choirs will be Monday 4th January. The Junior Choir will be working on Creation Jazz by Gwyn Arch. The Youth Choir will work on Vivaldi's Gloria. The end of term concert will be 7pm Sunday 21st March at St. Peter's Church. Note also the Girl's Choir concert including Britten's A Ceremony of Carols at the Riverhouse Barn, Walton-on-Thames, 5pm January 3rd.