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*Practices are held every
Monday at 7.45pm to
9.45pm. in the Hall at rear
of Church of Christ 100
Grote Street, Adelaide*

Another year nearly over

What a great and busy year it has been for the choir.

This is our second newsletter and we are happy to report that this past year has brought the choir many new friends. The concerts we have done this year have all been well received and choir members have enjoyed themselves performing at all the different venues. As I said at the Annual Concert on October 14th - it is the lovely people you meet through the choir and the enjoyment that you can give them, that makes it all worthwhile.

We now have a database of "Friends of the Choir" and we shall be sending them this newsletter each quarter, a programme of the coming year's events and any other information about the choir. In the programme you will notice that we are performing three major concerts during the year (May 11th, July 21st and October 20th) and if you would like to attend any or all of these please contact any of the numbers at the bottom of the List of Concerts and we will see that you get tickets. Maybe you might even like to make up a party and all come by bus.

If you have not already done so and would like to become a "Friend", please send the cut-off form on the back of this newsletter.

There will also be a few social events next year and in particular a Film Afternoon. We hope to see all of our "Friends" there. More details in the next newsletter.

THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC MBE, Governor of South Australia, has very kindly consented to be the choir's Patron while in office.

RECORDING OF THE ANNUAL CONCERT

Very shortly a CD of the Annual Concert will be available for \$15.00. This would make a lovely Christmas present and if you contact John Winnall on 8295 7131, I am sure we will be able to get one to you before Christmas.

We will also have copies of this CD with us when we perform at all the different venues next year.

John Lawson, President

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Low-down on Kevin Fisher

born 1924



During the 1950s, 60s and 70s he sang with the South Australian National Opera, singing tenor roles in Merry Widow, Desert Song, Gypsy Baron, La Traviata and Martha. He joined the Elder Conservatorium Opera, Arnold Matters Pro-Opera

Consort, Adelaide Harmony Choir, sang with the Metropolitan Musical Theatre and Mayfair Theatre singing many tenor roles.

In 1971 he won the Tenor Solo Competition at the Adelaide Eisteddfod.

In 1972 he, with his wife, Ivy, started the family business which he is still enjoying to this day.

He joined the Glenlea Singers in 1980 with his sisters. Kevin always enjoyed solo singing best of all, and it wasn't until he joined the Adelaide Male Voice Choir, in the late 1980s under the baton of Bill Shaw and the accompanist Margaret Lambert, and later Eddie Kriek, did he really love his choir singing.

Kevin's wife, Ivy, says that if Kevin isn't singing around the house she knows something is wrong.

Leo Fisher, Kevin's father, met his wife Mary, when he was the accompanist at a concert where she was singing. Leo had his own dance band, performing in the country and Adelaide. He also accompanied at rehearsals for Peter Dawson. Kevin had uncles, aunts and grandparents who were singers and all performed on stages around Adelaide.

Singing around the piano was part of the Fisher family life. There were seven children so there was plenty of noise, music and fun on Saturday nights.

For a number of years Kevin has been and is the mainstay of the first tenor section. He loves singing solos but is also very happy being part of the choir.

Kevin's first solo performance was at school when he was 9 or 10. The sister asked if anyone could give an impromptu performance in class. Kevin sang a Jack Hulbert song, "The Flies Crawled Up the Windows". The sister recognised he had a singing voice and began teaching him songs to sing in school concerts.

No more singing training until Kevin had been in the Airforce and served overseas in the United Kingdom. Married Ivy in 1949 and fathered four children. During 1952 Kevin, his two sisters, Mary and Pat, brothers, Brian and Dudley, joined a group to perform two Australian musicals, "Reedy River" and "Under the Coolabah Tree". During this period someone suggested he should have his voice trained and so began his life singing many solo parts in musicals.



Kevin performing a solo item at the Lutheran Homes, Glynde, with a few of the other members of the choir in the background.



come and join us!
don't just sing under the shower!

- ♪ Choir Practice Monday evenings (with some extra practices before big concerts).
- ♪ Concerts, between 10 and 12 a year in the metropolitan area and country SA.
- ♪ Social gatherings such as Dinners, Christmas Dinners, mystery trips, barbecues, etc.
- ♪ Solo contest between members (those wishing to compete) towards the end of each year.
- ♪ SPECIAL CONCESSION RATE FOR STUDENTS OF \$10 PER YEAR FOR FIRST 2 YEARS.

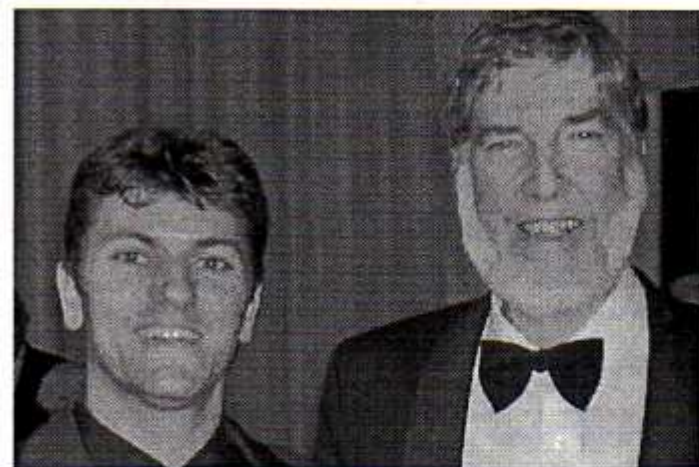
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In Concert

We have had three small concerts (at Immanuel College auditorium for Legacy Widows, the Masonic Homes at Somerton Park and the Lutheran Retirement Village, Glynde) and one major concert since our last newsletter.

The major concert was our annual concert which was held in conjunction with St David's Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide.



Tasso Bouyessis with the Choir's Musical Director and Conductor, Bill Shaw

The concert started off with a rousing song, "Brothers, Sing On" by Edvard Grieg. This was followed by "Swansea Town", "Die Lorelei" and Bound for the "Rio Grand" finished off the bracket.

The Orpheus Quintet, a group of students (Alana Probert, leader, on flute; Stephanie Lavan, flute; Lucy Eckermann, clarinet; Emily South, bassoon; Braden Schiller, french horn) from Elder Conservatorium, then performed a selection of numbers and was very much appreciated.

The next bracket of songs from the choir started with "Aura Lee", followed by "L'Amour de Moy" a lovely, gentle French song in which Tasso Bouyessis performed the solo tenor part. The choir then performed the exciting Israeli folk song, "Hava Nageela", again with Tasso as solo tenor. This brought us to the interval.

After the interval we started with the beautiful Scottish folk song "Annie Laurie" arranged by our conductor, Bill Shaw, for solo tenor (Tasso) and the choir. The most unusual song of the entire concert came next - "Tahiti", and we finished this bracket with an old favourite, "The Finnish Forest".

Next came one of the audiences' favourites, Eddie Kriek, playing a wonderful and varied selection of numbers and once again showed why he is so popular at our concerts.

After Eddie the choir sang the final bracket of songs - "The Yeomen of England", "Kalinka" (another arrangement by Bill Shaw and another solo by Tasso) and finally "I Still Call Australia Home" (arranged by Bill Shaw).



Eddie Kriek

The whole concert was a huge success and afternoon tea, prepared by one of our first tenors, Jean-Pierre Rival, was enjoyed by all.



Daina Shaw being presented with by President, John Lawson.

Daina Shaw performed the task as compere in her usual professional manner and was presented with a bunch of flowers at the end of the concert.

If you didn't come to this year's Spring concert, make a point of coming next year - I am sure you will enjoy it.

It's a GIRL!

Congratulations

to Bill and Daina on becoming grandparents. Their son, Nic, and his wife Miriam, have just been blessed with a daughter, *India*. Bill and Daina will be off to England on December 26th to make a fuss of them all. We all wish them a safe journey



Another baby on the horizon

We now look forward to the safe arrival of Eddie and Anna's baby, due early in February.





Solo Contest Winner



Denis West - winner.

An enjoyable evening was had at our annual Solo Competition night. Out of 11 contestants Denis West, second tenor, was declared the winner. He sang, would you believe, "Autumn Leaves". Well done, Denis.

After the competition a supper was enjoyed by all and there was a *special presentation to Ray Brown, Vice-Patron and former choir member of more than 30 years, and his wife Joyce for their 60th Wedding Anniversary.*



OTHER CONTESTANTS IN THE A. O. R. TAPP SOLO CONTEST:

Back Row, l. to r.: James Thoday, John Wear, Jean-Pierre Rival, Jeff Kong (adjudicator), Denis West, Charlie Gamba, Kevin Fisher, Ian Milbank, Don Prewett, David Evans.

Front Row, l. to r.: John Lawson, Colin Styles, John Winnall, Bryant Hunt and Eddie Kriek (accompanist).

Now Hear This!

This is a transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian Authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995.

Americans: 'Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.'

Canadians: 'Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.'

Americans: 'This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.'

Canadians: 'No, I say again, divert YOUR course.'

Americans: 'This is the Aircraft Carrier "USS Lincoln", the second largest ship in the United States Fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees, that's one five degrees, North or counter measures will be taken to ensure the safety of this ship.'

Canadians: 'This is a lighthouse—Your call.'

Help! Help!

New Members

Since our last newsletter the following have joined the ranks of the choir -

Keith Hanks

Maurice Bunny

We always need new members and we ask that all present members and friends of the choir keep this in mind and try to encourage relations or friends to join.

a Christmas wish..

The Adelaide Male Voice Choir wishes its Patron, Vice-Patrons, friends and all the audiences we have sung to this year a very Happy and Safe Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

We all hope that we can bring some enjoyment to you next year.



A photo taken at the Lutheran Homes, Glynde, concert at which nearly all the members were present.



Woe

Look not harshly upon this furrowed brow

For once I was proud and could not bow.

The years, the decades have passed swiftly by,

Barely a moment to catch the breath or yield a sigh.

Oh, how I long for my bright and youthful days,

With a spring in my step and happiness in my gaze.

My horizons were distant yet full of hope.

Nothing in the world with which I could not cope.

But now I must face life with a courage slow to muster.

Tell me: what became of eternal optimism and lustre?

Gone, gone like the snow on a sunlit day in spring.

Yet each stage in our time is a fickle, fleeting thing.

Where? Oh, where are the children who came in angels' arms?

Left now but memories of their laughter still calms

The heavy, soulful heart with thoughts of woe.

Who or what made us as we are is for God to know.

Can the human spirit be lifted just once more?

Can we look to the inner-self to explore

Those aspects of existence we still reach for and desire?

Away woe! Thought - I sing in the
ADELAIDE MALE VOICE CHOIR!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

MARCH

- Sunday 10th 2.00 pm CONCERT for Lutheran Homes, Fullarton, corner of Fisher and Frew Streets.
Sunday 24th 2.00 pm CONCERT for Elizabeth Grove Uniting Church

APRIL

- Sunday 7th 2.00 pm CONCERT in Church of Epiphany, Crafers.
Sunday 14th 2.00 pm CONCERT for Milang Hall committee at Milang.
Thursday 25th 10.30 am Sing at the Cross of Sacrifice following Anzac March.

MAY

- Sunday 19th 2.00 pm OPERA CONCERT in Pilgrim Church.
Saturday 24th 7.30 pm OPERA CONCERT/DINNER

JUNE

- Sat-Mon. 8-10th CONCERTS as part of a tour to the South East of SA.

JULY

- Saturday 20th 2.00 pm CONCERT for Senior Citizens at Campbelltown Function Centre, sponsored by Athelstone Kinvaris
Sunday 21st 2.00 pm CHARITY CONCERT for ~~St. David~~ in Masonic Centre, 254 North Terrace, Adelaide. *Book tickets*
Sunday 28th 2.00 pm CONCERT at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 46 Audrey Ave., Blair Athol

AUGUST

- Sunday 18th 2.00 pm CONCERT at Woodbridge Retirement Village, 62 Concoran Drive, West Lakes
Sunday 24th 2.00 pm CONCERT at Mitcham AFA Bowling Club, 150 Belair Rd., Hawthorn.

OCTOBER

- Sunday 20th 2.00 pm SPRING CONCERT in Masonic Centre, 254 North Ter., Adelaide. *Parkes Band*

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 17th 2.00 pm CONCERT at Masonic Homes, 91 Diagonal Road, Somerton Park.
Thursday 28th 7.30 pm CONCERT at Lutheran Homes, 24 Avenue Road, Glynde.

DECEMBER

- Sunday 15th 2.00 pm CHRISTMAS CONCERT - *To be notified*

"Friends of the Choir" Mailing List

Our special "Friends of the Choir" mailing list informs you of the Adelaide Male Voice Choir's Concerts and Functions.

Functions include dinners and other social occasions at which we would be pleased to welcome you

For details please contact the Secretary

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