



## RSCM Scotland Newsletter – October 2008

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We have had many new subscribers join the email list, so a special welcome to you if this is the first Newsletter you have received. Please remember to let Pat (01620 892228 [pat@rscmscotland.org](mailto:pat@rscmscotland.org)) know if you no longer wish to your name to be on the list or if you change your email address.

*The Dunblane Singing Break* (ten years old this year) held in Dunblane Cathedral and Scottish Churches House was a great success and as in previous years, was over-subscribed. Many participants have already booked their places on next year's course which will run from 13 – 16 July 2009. For booking details see below.

*Young Voices Festival* The 2nd RSCM Scottish Young Voices Festival was held in Dunblane Cathedral on June 21st. We had slightly fewer children this year - 5 choirs were represented - but the 70 or so children still made a wonderful sound and we had a very enjoyable afternoon's music-making. This year the theme was "Search for Peace" with superbly chosen music and thought-provoking words. More choirs would have come but the date proved inconvenient. We will probably hold the event in September next year. If you have young people in your (church or school) choir who might be interested in attending, please contact [Matthew@rscmscotland.org](mailto:Matthew@rscmscotland.org)

*The Dunblane Singing Day* returns to Dunblane on 1 November for a celebration of All Saints' Day. In a change to our normal pattern this year we will be singing in St Mary's Episcopal Church (on the Fourways roundabout). The event will be directed by Alistair Warwick and accompanied by Matthew Beetschen. Arrival please at 1.30 for a 2.00 rehearsal, 4.00 tea break and 5.00 Service. Everyone welcome – admission free, although a donation to RSCM Scotland would be greatly appreciated. PLEASE book your place(s) with Matthew Beetschen - 01786 445158 **by October 26<sup>th</sup>**. I am sorry we will not have music for people who have not registered! This should be a wonderful afternoon's singing in a more intimate setting than usual. Please join us if you can!

*RSCM Scottish Voices* got off to a flying start with a residential weekend at Strathallan School in August led by Frikki Walker and Richard Walmsley. A wide variety of music was sung and the choir sounded superb in the splendid Hall and Chapel.

More than thirty singers have already successfully auditioned for the choir, which will be taking part in a number of events in 2009 – including our Triennial Festival. There are still a few places available in all voice parts. For all enquiries about the choir please contact the Choir Administrator, Mary McNicol [mary\\_soprano@fsmail.net](mailto:mary_soprano@fsmail.net)

*2009 RSCM Scotland Triennial Festival*

This is our big event for 2009 and we are delighted to confirm that it will be held this time in **Oban** in **St Columba's Cathedral** on **Saturday June 6th**. The Service will be directed by Timothy Noon, Director of Music at Liverpool RC Cathedral and will be a celebration of St Columba, whose feast-day falls within that week.

We very much hope that choirs from all over Scotland will be able to come to Oban for this special occasion. There will be a rehearsal at **1.00** with the Festival itself at **4.00**: timings on the day hopefully enabling people to make a day-trip - but we can provide information regarding overnight accommodation if you want to make a weekend of it! The music will be - as usual - a varied selection including many items that will be of subsequent use in people's own churches. Music books - which will contain all information about the Festival - will be available early in the New Year.

We hope that the stunning setting and the time of year will encourage you to come to Oban. It would be great to fill the Cathedral!

*"Sing Columba!" events* - in the lead up to the Triennial Festival we will be running some "Sing Columba!" events up and down the country using material from the music book. The first of these will be in Dunblane Cathedral on **Saturday March 7th**. These events will obviously be opportunities to learn the music for the Festival, but we also hope they will be worthwhile events in their own right. We intend to organise events in Aberdeen, Inverness, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Oban. More details in due course, but in the meantime if you could help with hosting, organising or publicising, please contact Pat.

*Awards* The committee is looking for nominations for long service or outstanding service awards so that *RSCM Awards* may be presented at the Triennial service in Oban. If you know of someone who might deserve an Award, please contact Pat or Matthew to discuss the matter.

# What's on in Scotland

## *Saturday 1 November 2008 - Dunblane Singing Day*

This year the Dunblane Singing Day will be held in **St Mary's Episcopal Church**, Dunblane. Please note the change of venue. Arrivals 1.30pm, rehearsal 2.00pm (prompt) followed by refreshments, service 5.00pm. No fee but donations to the work of RSCM Scotland gratefully received.

**Contact** Matthew **by October 26<sup>th</sup>** 01786 445158 matthew@rscmscotland.org

## *Saturday 7 March 2009 - Sing Columba!*

The first Sing Columba! event will take place in Dunblane Cathedral 2.30 – 5.30. Please check the website [www.rscmscotland.org](http://www.rscmscotland.org) or look for our next newsletter (January) for details of other Sing Columba events. Cost of attendance will be the purchase of a music booklet.

**Contact Pat** 01620 892228 pat@rscmscotland.org

## *Saturday 6 June 2009 - RSCM Scotland Triennial Festival*

St Columba's Cathedral, Oban will be hosting our afternoon of choral music which will be directed by Timothy Noon. Cost of attendance will be the purchase of a music booklet.

**Contact Pat** 01620 892228 pat@rscmscotland.org

## *Monday –Thursday 13-16 July 2009 - Dunblane Singing Break*

Four days of singing in Dunblane: Scottish Churches House and the Cathedral with Gordon Appleton, Matthew Beetschen and Chris Broughton.

**Contact** dunblanesingingbreak@rscmscotland.org

## *September 2009 - 3<sup>rd</sup> RSCM Scottish Young Voices Festival*

Details to be confirmed in due course Please check the website [www.rscmscotland.org](http://www.rscmscotland.org) or contact matthew@rscmscotland.org.

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