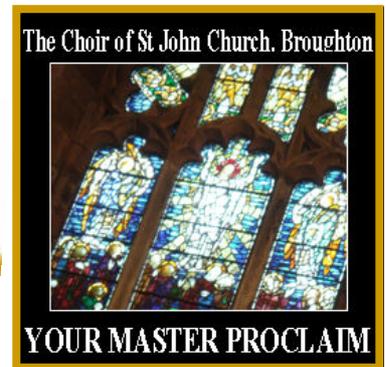


# Choristers' News

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## Tours

The boys (and men) have had two excellent Tours this year.

**On the Isle of Man**, a very young group of boys sang superbly; they had great fun too in their 'off-duty' time - on the beaches, in the pool at the National Sports Centre, or in the case of the senior boys at Lewaigue where they tackled the assault course and demonstrated not a little skill in shooting and archery ... and it goes without saying that they thoroughly enjoyed their six days at the splendid Hydro Hotel on Douglas seafront!

**Several of our Senior adult Choristers felt this this year's trip to Brittany was one of the best the Choir has ever undertaken.** I think I agree, and it was clear our audiences did too; Some six hundred people made it 'standing-room only' in the ancient Abbey Church at St Gildas! We sang in some wonderful venues, including the delightful Church overlooking the sea on the Ile aux Moines, and at the end of every Concert the Choir received a standing ovation. As always our young singers and their families had great fun in the warm sunshine on the splendid Brittany beaches as well as having plenty of time to relax and watch the world go by at the delightful pavement cafés.

## Social Scene

How lucky we were with the weather on our two tours this year and on the boys' trip to North Wales. But apart from these excursions, things have been diabolical!

**Easter Monday, Dads and Lads Football** – abandoned!  
(field a quagmire!)

**Choir Sports** – cancelled twice – abandoned!

**Boys' Kit-Kat Trophy Cricket** – cancelled – abandoned!



## Ex Chorister and Student News

**Former Organ Scholar, Peter Brand now has his own Choir at Meanwood Parish Church in Leeds. Having gained his BA in Music at Leeds, Peter has now started his PGCE year.**

It is good to hear that all of our student Choristers continue to enjoy University life; James Riley at Aston, studying Automotive Systems, Tim Millbank at Leeds, reading Music, Michael Sidders at Lancaster reading Psychology, Charlie Culley at Bristol reading Classics and Robert Spencer at Nottingham studying Software Systems.

Many congratulations to our 07/08 Organ Scholar, Simon Marsh, who has gained a place at Durham University to read music. Congratulations also to Thomas Schofield, another of our Young Men, who goes to Oxford in October to read Chemistry.

**As always we wish our student members well as they begin their new academic year, and look forward to seeing them at Christmas.**

## Cathedral Visits

**Usually at this time of year we are preparing to cover for the Choir at Liverpool Cathedral during their short tour overseas. This year they are not going away - so no Liverpool!**

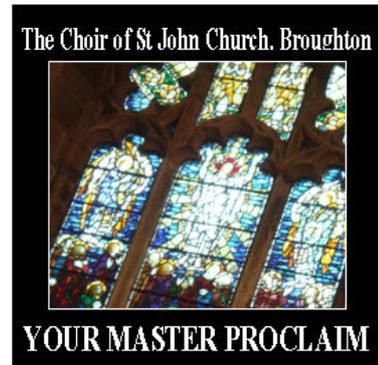
However to compensate for the temporary loss of this fixture, we have been invited to sing Evensong at **St Paul's Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> May** next year.



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## New CD

The Choir's fourth CD '**Your Master Proclaim**' is proving very popular – particularly so after it was featured on Radio Lancashire. I heard recently that Manx Radio will also be highlighting the recording in the near future.



## Next Year

**Broughton Choir celebrates seventy five years as an RSCM Choir.**

A Reunion Dinner for past and present Choristers at which the guest of honour will be Lindsay Gray, the Chief Executive of The Royal School of Church Music, is to be held at Barton Grange on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

*We shall need help tracing former Choristers who have left the district.*

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