

# NEWS FROM HARLOW CHORUS



Following our sparkling summer concert, Harlow Chorus is now on its annual holiday break. We are all looking forward to September when we embark on our **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year**. Michael Kibblewhite was the inspirational figure who forged a group of amateur singers into a chorus capable of staging performances of a high calibre. Under his charismatic direction the Chorus developed a regular schedule of concerts in and around Harlow as well as undertaking foreign tours. Every year it staged Glory of Christmas at the old Sports Centre with its Teddy Bears Christmas concerts. **Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert will be at Saffron Hall on 11 July 2026.**

## OPEN REHEARSAL

Any singer who would like to sample the fun and friendliness of the Chorus is invited to an Open Rehearsal on **15<sup>th</sup> September**.

Phone Membership Secretary **Ian Hiscock** in advance on **01992 441074** or just turn up at **St John's Art and Recreation Centre, Old Harlow, CM17 0AJ** in time for a **7.30pm** start.



James Potter, Harlow Chorus Musical Director

There is also much excitement that in September the Chorus will be welcoming its new **Musical Director, James Potter**. Everyone is thrilled to have such an experienced conductor at the helm. James, who is also the Precentor and Director of Music at Magdalene College, has a superb record of music-making both at home and abroad and he has put together a super repertoire for next year, starting on 1 November with Rossini's Little Solemn Mass.

By 1863 Rossini had stopped writing opera but this mass has a very operatic feel to it. The full work was never performed during his lifetime as he couldn't get permission for a woman soprano to sing in a church! Fortunately, such restrictions no longer exist and the complete work will be performed in St John's church, Epping, on **1 November 2025**.

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