# ISLE OF MAN CHORAL SOCIETY

## MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Our Concert is nearly upon us. We've had our first rehearsal with the orchestra and one of our soloists, all bringing together our winter of practice and showing promise of a really exciting afternoon of French Music. Poulenc's rhythmic and multi-layered Gloria, Faure's serene and tranquil Requiem and the toe-tapping Habanera & Toreador's song from Carmen.

We are thrilled to welcome our soloists Emily, Neil, Nicola and Lynda. It is wonderful to have such musical talent on the island and we hope Emily enjoys her debut concert. You can read more about them in our programme. Please encourage as many people as possible to buy tickets.

Chante bien!



*A message from our Musical Director Mandy -*

Firstly thank you all for your concentration and commitment at our rehearsals. Let's enjoy the Poulenc - smile and sing out. The dynamics make a difference and produce some superb moments. Please keep watching me for the beat. The Faure is sounding beautiful - again the dynamics make all the difference - please be really loud on the FF's the Villa can take it. Carmen - these both sound great and the 'prends garde a toi' is excellent. Well done!

Keep practising keep plugging away, keep listening, keep promoting, I am so looking forward to the Concert. I know it will be a wonderful afternoon.

**Our Concert dress is**

**Men** – Black Shirt (open neck), black trousers and black shoes & socks please.

**Ladies** – Black skirt or dress (if short, please wear black tights) or trousers, black top and black shoes. Please also wear a (colour of your choice) corsage on the left hand side of your top.

**Rehearsal Dates - Bemahague Lower School unless otherwise stated**




**Thursday 27 March Upper School SNHS**
**Thursday 3 April**
**Saturday 5 April Villa Marina 2.20-4.30**
**CONCERT Sunday 6 April Villa Marina 3.00pm arrive by 2.30**

## REALLY BIG MANX SING

**We are delighted to announce that the Really Big Manx Sing will be returning once again. This very popular event in the Manx Music Calendar will this year be held on 27 September - again at Trinity Church Douglas and we are excited to reveal our new Conductor for this year is Janet McDowell. Janet is well known in the island music circles and after a period living in England is returning to the island and we are thrilled she has agreed to lead this year's Workshop. The music will consist of pieces from Brahms Requiem and John Rutter's Sprig of Thyme. Further details will be provided in April via email.**







**Some of our choir members enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea at The Dovecote Kirk Michael recently.**

## Forthcoming Events










**REALLY BIG MANX SING**
**Saturday 27 September 2025**
**Trinity Church Douglas**
**Full Day Workshop**
**Led by Janet McDowell**