January 2016 Newsletter

Dear Friend of Loveny,

 Although 2015 has flew by it has not stopped the choir receiving not only an award of a Silver Cup, but many accolades to their singing at each and every concert they have given. The one in Falmouth All Saints Church on 21st Nov' saw our chorister Stuart Reeves making his debut as a stand-in Musical Director as Richard was unable to be there. Not only did Stuart do really well but again praise came for the choir. The very next night found them at Tavistock at the Wharf. This was by invitation of the group Vocal Harem led by Rosemary Turner . A lovely evening and again yet more praise. On Dec 17th at the village hall, Mr Turner had come all the way from Tavistock to repeat the thanks and appreciation from Rosemary and Vocal Harem. The men were each given a gift of a bottle of beer called - - **Dartmoor Jail!!!!!!**

 Our Christmas Concert on Dec' 17th with the schoolchildren of St.Neot and guest soloist Maggie Holden, and our own Colin Arthur was as usual, absolutely lovely. Plus, the beautiful voice of Richard, MD, in his solo. One of the children sang solo verses during her school friends carol, whilst stood at the back of the church all on her own, which took a great deal of courage and was spot on. On Dec' 20th, we gathered at the Lanivet Pub where Loveny Ladies Sec' Maureen, gave her Annual Carol Service. Needless to say it was again a super evening with plenty of laughs and fun as well as beautiful song. A big Thank You to Maureen for her hard work. Again, nothing but praise for the choir and rightly so. It has left us with so much to look forward to for this coming year. They really do just keep getting better and better. All under the aegis of Richard Braebrook, Musical Director.

 **\*\* \* Now, to 2016.** What a Year this looks like being. I will kick start it with a really important announcement. One of the Friends of Loveny celebrated her 90th birthday on the 9th January. **"Congratulations and Many Happy Returns for Many more birthdays" are sent to Mrs Peggy Ead, who is mother to chorister and compere, John Ead. Peggy is one of the loveliest ladies I have come across, full of joy and laughter, not to mention kindness of heart and a wicked sense of humour. Hope you had a lovely time Peggy!**

 July 2nd is the occasion of the Massed Cornish Choirs taking place in Plymouth Pavilions. So it will be a like a similar version of the Royal Albert Hall. I am really looking forward to it. I hope that as many as possible will make it to support 'our' men. Then, on the 21st July we set out for Brittany for the five day trip. The men have several engagements at concerts and so will be working really hard. We Loveny Ladies are also working hard to help fund this for them. Of course it is not only this trip as we fund-raise throughout the year at various things so to enable our men to attend the charity concerts. We do raffles and we all make sure there are nice prizes to be had. You will see by the concert list that it is a pretty full year already. I hope that you are able to attend at least some of them. Please do not forget that you can contact me at any time via my e.mail address or mobile number. Incidentally, my husband Bob and I have not yet moved as our buyer dropped out at the 11th hour. So the Home address remains the same.

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Please believe me when I say that your support of the choir is not only crucial but very much appreciated at all times. So if you can persuade family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances etc, to join as well, every little helps. It is just £12-50p per annum. You get the free ticket for our Gala Concert at St.Neot. Over the course of the year you will receive four newsletters. An annual report from the Chairman, plus the full list of concert dates so you will see where they are and decide if you can come along or not.

You are also invited to come along to our monthly lunch. We Ladies do like to live well!!

Now the venues for the lunches do vary. Please contact me \*see above or, the Ladies Secretary, Maureen on -: 01208 832373 or Chairlady Lyn on-: 01566 782487 to find the venue each month. The next one is at The Borough Arms at Dumere, Bodmin. - - Bodmin to Wadebridge road just down the hill on your left, going out of Bodmin towards Wadebridge. - - and it will be on Monday 18th January. We meet 12-30 for 1-00. . Everyone orders just what they want, a drink or not, it is up to you. You have exactly what you wish. We each go and pay at the end of the outing. Nothing is set in concrete. You are assured of a very warm welcome plus a lot of laughs and fun. Just one thing, if you decide you would like to come please phone Lyn beforehand as she liaises with the landlady/owner as to numbers.

Most importantly, we also sell the choir's CD's; DVD's; Recipe books, - with every recipe tested by choir members; key rings, and not forgetting the locally –made Cornish Chocolate bars with really scrummy flavours, all these having been tested by the Loveny Ladies, just to make sure of consumer protection you understand! These carry the Loveny Choir logo with choir contact details. These large bars plus the other goods make ideal gifts for friends and family.

**Linda Losty of the Friends is** hosting a fund-raising coffee morning at St.Cleer on the 23rd January. Held at 'Open Doors', this being close to Car Park at back of church, it starts at 10-00=12-00. There will be a Raffle and Bring & Buy stall. Linda's mobile no' is 07733298969. If any of you have any news to offer or if anyone has a fund-raising idea and would like to host one, or, just discuss it, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Now for an apology**. The Choir member profile will be with the April newsletter.

**I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2016!** Bright Blessings, Mirry (sec' of Friends')