

Chair's Annual Report

As we enter into our fifth year, the Clark Community Choir is a real success story; going from strength to strength. Please click here to see our Annual Report.

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"Generations Singing Together"

The Clark Community Choir is a registered Scottish Charity No.SC041855



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What's Coming Up April - June

Saturday 5 April

Queen's Baton Relay Practice, Dunblane – all day

Sunday 13 April

Queen's Baton Relay Workshop with Alison Burns 6pm

Monday 21 April

Opening of John Muir Path – Musselburgh Beach, 6.30pm

Friday 25 April

Performance - Queen's Bay – 7pm

Sunday 27 April

Choir Practice – 6pm

Sunday 4 May

Performance – MRFC 3.30pm & Ross High RFC 6.30pm

Friday 9 May

Performance – St Andrews Church – 7pm

Sunday 11 May

Choir Practice – 6pm

Wednesday 14 May

Performance - Headway – 7pm

Sunday 25 May

Choir Practice – 6pm

Sunday 1 June

Tranent Gala, Loch Centre – 1pm

Sunday 8 June

Choir Practice – 6pm

Tuesday 17 June

Queen's Baton Relay, Brunton Hall (early evening)

Thursday 26 June

Performance – Prestonpans Gala, Royal Musselburgh – 7pm

Saturday 28 June

Performance – Craigmillar 50th Anniversary Fun Day

Sunday 29 June

Choir Practice – 6pm

Check the website for further details

+ Office Bearers:

Chair: Audrey Bell
Vice Chair: Kirsty Robertson
Secretary: Carol Golightly
Treasurer: Lynn Windram
Committee:

Janice Burr (Social),
Catriona Cory, Amanda Couch, Laura Findlay, Allison Goulding (Refreshments), Irene Grant (Social), Jackie Hunter (H&S), Jillian Mitchell, Maureen Steele (Fundraising), Joyce Waddell

Website: <http://www.clarkchoir>

Dropbox: For all the materials you need -

<https://www.dropbox.com/home#!/home>

Username: cccmusicalgenius@hotmail.co.uk

Password: clarkchoir

Easyfundraising: Make money for the choir whilst you shop online – this is so easy:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/Bounce.php?link=login_url&url=/panel/

Also set your search engine to Affilyon to make more money for the Choir.

<http://www.affilyon.co.uk/>



Report from the CCC Tour to Wales

20 members of Clark
Community Choir went to
Wales in March this year.

Their tour was a resounding
success and you can read all
about this and see more pics
on the CCC website.



The Clark Community Choir (Generations Singing Together) put Musselburgh and surrounding areas firmly on the map during their trip to Wales to participate in a prestigious charity concert for the Garnwen Trust. They were invited to share the stage with The Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir. The troupe also performed in the hospitality tent at Cardiff Arms Park, in Cardiff Arms Rugby Club, and even in an Italian Restaurant throughout the Six Nations Rugby international weekend. This was an enormous honour for the Choir who were advocating "Friendship Through Song". It is hoped that this will lead to further permanent friendships where we can return the hospitality and support other choirs who come up to Scotland in the future. Plans are already afoot to have 3 choirs singing during the Scotland-Wales international next March in Venue 1 of the Brunton Hall. Watch this space!

The Choir should be very proud of what they have achieved in the last 4 years and this year in particular, 2014, is going to be so exciting in terms of us making a bit of history with our involvement in the Commonwealth Games.....read on and make sure YOU GET INVOLVED.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of a pro-active committee who work tirelessly to promote CCC wherever possible. At this point we bid a fond adios to Fiona, our musical genius. She will be taking a back seat for a while due to ill health but will, hopefully bounce back soon. We cannot thank her enough for the journey she has taken us on.



Official Opening of The John Muir Path. Soulwind Songline

CCC has been invited to participate in the opening of the John Muir Path which will stretch from Musselburgh through to Helensburgh. On Monday 21 April at 6.30 on Musselburgh beach, a link of singers will be formed which will ultimately stretch over the 100+ miles of the path. To get involved, please read the email that has been sent to you.

Talking about emails, when Carol sends out notifications, we would really appreciate a response, whether it's a yes or a no, we'd love to hear back from you!!!

What is Big Big Sing?

Big Big Sing aims to inspire thousands of people across the UK to sing to celebrate the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Whether it's in the shower, with a choir, or at one of our events – Big Big Sing wants to make singing the soundtrack to the Games.

Big Big Sing brings the Commonwealth to Glasgow through music: the Big Big Commonwealth Songbook includes songs from around the world which will be at the heart of the project. Choirs from all over the Commonwealth will be able to participate via an online radio station and singing projects.

Big Big Sing promotes singing because it is fun, but also because of its social, health and wellbeing benefits.

The Clark Community Choir attended an amazing Workshop in the

Usher Hall on Sunday 16 February. It was an awesome day and it is our intention to get fully involved in all forthcoming events which will culminate in 10,000 voices singing on Glasgow Green on **27 July**.

Further details to follow but make sure you listen to the Commonwealth Songs that we will be learning on DROPOBOX.



The Choir will also be involved with **The Big Song Relay** in performing our own arrangement of a specially commissioned Commonwealth song, composed and written by the amazing Phil Cunningham, Karine Polwart and Alison Burns.

Bringing communities together through song, choirs will be the soundtrack to the Queen's Baton Relay, performing at key points as the baton travels across Scotland in the build up to the Commonwealth Games in July 2014.

Some Choir members will attend a Workshop in Dunblane on **5 April** to learn the new Commonwealth song and then on **Sunday 13 April**, we are thrilled to announce that Alison Burns, co-composer of the Commonwealth song will be doing a professional workshop and teaching the song to us prior to getting involved in the Musselburgh leg of the Baton's journey.

Which brings us to more good news.....East Lothian Council has invited CCC to welcome the baton back to Musselburgh by singing to guests who are arriving at the Brunton Hall in the early evening. This will be happening on **Tuesday 17 June** so again....get this date in your diary and **DO NOT MISS CONTRIBUTING TO BEING A PART OF HISTORY**. You can tell your kids and grandchildren, yes I helped to make that a success!!!!

AND THERE'S MORE.....Hot off the press.....It's just been announced that our own **Fiona Grant-Macdonald** has been nominated as a Baton Bearer for the Musselburgh part of the Queen's Baton Relay. As some of you may know, Fiona suffered a brain hemorrhage late in 2012 which has left her quite debilitated. Nevertheless, she raised the magnificent sum of £2,500 less than 4 months after by having CCC do a charity concert for the Brain and Spine Foundation. She has also raised money for the Meningitis Society and the Western General Hospital. She coaches boys' hockey at weekends and takes them away as part of Duke of Edinburgh Award. She is also involved with the wonderful Headway organization. All this on a voluntary basis, plus the huge contribution she has made to the choir....and she's taking her degree in Physics at the OU!

Big congrats to Fiona – we are all so proud – a true Community Champion!



“So exciting to be involved in these exciting and historic events”



Looking Ahead to Summer:

With our involvement in the Big Big Sing this year, and because the Musselburgh Festival Parade is on Friday 25 July (two days before the Big Big Sing event in Glasgow), we thought it would be appropriate to promote the Big Big Sing. We have already approached the organisers and they are on the case for supplying tee-shirts, marketing materials etc. Again, get this date in your diary and get committed to getting involved. More news will follow.



2012 above

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe & On the Good Ship
Lollipop – 1st Prize winners!

2013

Singing in the Rain/Under My Umbrella
“Mash Up”.

Catriona enjoying a stroll along the High
Street with plastic, feathers and umbrella!



NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ISSUED IN JULY

Meantime if there is anything you need to query – contact your
Secretary