Ex Collegio

Press Release

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Choral Recital in aid of the British Heart Foundation



A choir will be raising funds for the British Heart Foundation with a lunchtime recital in Arundel. The Ex Collegio choir will perform in Arundel Cathedral at 1pm on Saturday 19th August. Admission is free with a retiring collection for the charity.

Local cardiologist Dr Nicholas Pegge, who sings tenor in Arundel Cathedral Choir, has sung with Ex Collegio since 1990. He said, "I suggested that Ex Collegio might like to come to perform in Arundel and am delighted that in doing so we will be supporting the vital work of the British Heart Foundation." Robert Marson, Secretary of Ex Collegio since 1992 adds, "We are being made to feel very welcome in Arundel. The local people I have been dealing with have been so helpful with all the arrangements."

On the morning of the recital the Arundel Town Crier, Mrs Angela Standing, will be "crying" about the recital in Arundel. The choir will have a stall at the Farmers' Market, providing information on the British Heart Foundation and an opportunity for those unable to attend the recital to donate to the charity.

The programme will be of sacred music for chamber choir, spanning five centuries. The six short pieces to be performed are by John Sheppard, William Byrd, Mozart, Brahms, Jonathan Dove and Kenneth Leighton. The recital will last approximately 30 minutes.

Notes to Editors

- 1. The Ex Collegio choir is a chamber choir made up of former members, men and women, of the Chapel Choirs of Jesus College Cambridge. The present group spans twenty years membership of these choirs.
- 2. Ex Collegio has sung extensively in cathedrals and has given concerts in many parts of the UK and abroad. Most recently the choir has performed in London, Peterborough, Edinburgh and Dublin.

- 3. The choir is conducted in rotation by former Organ Scholars of Jesus College. This year's conductor is David Swinson who has followed a musical career since leaving Cambridge in 1988 and is now the Director of Music at Trinity School, Croydon.
- 4. Ex Collegio will also be singing Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on Thursday 17th August at 5.30pm and Choral Mass at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 20th August at 11am.
- 5. More details about the choir can be found on their website at http://www.excoll.org.uk
- 6. A high-resolution photo of the choir is available at http://www.excoll.org.uk/press.php
- 7. Dr Nicholas Pegge is a consultant cardiologist at Worthing and Brighton hospitals.
- 8. The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is a world leader in the fight against heart disease as heart and circulatory disease is still the main cause of death in the UK.
- 9. Each year the BHF aims to raise more than £99 million to fund research, education and care for those who are affected.
- 10. The BHF is a registered charity, no. 225971.
- 11. Donations can also be made online at http://www.bhf.org.uk/
- 12. Mrs Angela Standing regularly "cries" for charity events in Arundel. She was appointed Town Crier last autumn.

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