

The origins of Thames Vale Singers rest over 50 years ago when the ladies of the local Women's Institute formed a twenty strong choir. After a while they found such a choir had limitations and men were recruited. This was around the time that Purley Memorial Hall was built. They used the hall and the choir's name was derived from the view from the Memorial Hall. Through the years there have been a number of Musical Directors each making their own contribution to the wide repertoire which the choir now has. This ranges from serious religious works to the Beatles and currently, three different concerts are arranged each year. It is a hard-working choir, working throughout the year with only six weeks off in the summer. The choir is now 50 members strong but is always prepared to consider newcomers. No audition is required so if you would like to join a friendly bunch of people who enjoy singing together, just contact the Musical Director or the Chairman or just turn-up any Tuesday at the Memorial Hall.

Earley Music Centre was formed in the early 60's and operates to this day as a Saturday morning music school. We meet at Earley St Peter's School in Earley. The centre has around 120 members and we offer a wide range of music training including instrumental lessons, theory and aural lessons and bands and ensembles. Our Big Band was formed about three years ago as a result of a real interest by pupils in swing music. We were fortunate to have a Director also keen to start the band plus a significant number of professional musicians who help and support the band. We hope you enjoy what you hear! We're also keen to expand our numbers so if you play any of the instruments you hear tonight and like to swing a little then please make yourself known to any one of us.

Thames Vale Singers and the Earley Music Centre Big Band

Sing & Swing

*Denefield School
8.00pm
Sunday 4 July 2004*

Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel

West Side Story - Choral Medley

L Bernstein - arr L Thomas

Jumpin' at the Woodside

Count Basie

arr - Paul Cook

What a Wonderful World

George Weiss & Bob Thiele

arr - Paul Murtha

St Louis Blues

W Handy

arr - Johnny Warrington

featuring Lloyd Payne - Trumpet

Li'l Darlin'

Neil Hefti

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

arr - T Chinn

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Blues for Mr B

John Edmondson

Scarborough Fair

Simon & Garfunkel

Buffalo Gals

B Chilcott

Down by the Riverside

arr - J Rutter

Moonglow

Will Hudson, Eddie de Lange & Irving Mills

arr Paul Cook

Big Noise from Winnetka

Bob Haggart & Ray Bauduc

arr - Calvin Custer

Rockin' Robin

Jimmie Thomas

arr - Michael Sweeney

Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue

Ray Henderson

arr - Tom Johns

Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree

Brown, Tobias & Stept

arr - Myles Collins