

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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Holmes Chapel Singers prepare for 'Trial by Jury' to celebrate its fortieth anniversary

Fiona Bruce MP and Holmes Chapel Councillor, Andrew Kolker, met up with Holmes Chapel Singers as they prepared for their next performance, which will be on Saturday 25th June at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre.

The musical group is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year and one of the founder members, Jean Clarke, told Fiona:

'I first performed with the group – which then had the name 'Holmes Chapel Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society' - forty years ago. The first performance I played in was 'Oh What a Lovely War'. It's been a big part of my life – Holmes Chapel Singers is like an extended family to me'.

Jean will be singing in the chorus on 25th June when Gilbert and Sullivan's '*Trial by Jury*' will be performed. There will also be '*A Little Jazz Mass*' by Bob Chilcott and specially commissioned work '*Music Is...*' by Andrew Crookall to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Society.

NOTE TO EDITOR

Philip Crookall, Musical Director, first started conducting the group forty years ago and is pictured together Philip Atherton (Treasurer), Mike Oliver (Chairman), Jean Clarke, Fiona Bruce MP and Cllr Andrew Kolker.

Tickets can be obtained from David Roberts, the Tickets Secretary, on 01477 534928 or Congleton Tourist Information Office at the Town Hall, Congleton on 01260 271095 (Tickets are £10, £5 for students and £2 for Children under 16).

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