

AVE

A chamber choir of up to 30 singers, The Avebury Vocal Ensemble (AVE) was formed in 2000 albeit under a different name when it originally came under the aegis of the University of Bath in Swindon. Coming from North Wiltshire its members have a wide repertoire of sacred and secular classical music, both accompanied and unaccompanied. AVE performs up to 8 concerts annually and has produced a CD, a track of which was heard on Classic FM just after the Queen's speech on Christmas Day 2009!

Their Musical Director, Sir Peter Beale, has recently also been a guest conductor in Swindon, Salisbury and Romsey. Between times he sings tenor, acting as a Deputy Lay Clerk in Salisbury and Wells Cathedrals, and as a member of other choral groups, chiefly in Wiltshire. Following 6 years as a boy chorister in St. Paul's Cathedral, he became a Choral Scholar at Cambridge and subsequently trained as a medical doctor culminating in a career in the British Armed Forces for which he was knighted in 1992

Ten in a Bar

Under the direction of Jill Hodge, Ten in a Bar has been performing in the Swindon area since 1993 when it quickly established itself as one of Swindon's most dynamic and versatile singing groups, noted for its unusual and wide-ranging repertoire, high standards of singing and its slightly 'zany' humour. The group is fortunate to count many fine soloists among its numbers, but it is the closeness of their harmony singing which creates the distinctive sound for which they are renowned.

After gaining a BA (HONS) degree in Music in 1980, Jill began teaching in a Swindon secondary school, and quickly established a reputation for directing choirs and vocal groups. During this time Jill produced two high quality competition choirs, (The Ridgeway School Choir and the Swindon Songsters) who had many successes in and around the South West, as well as at national level. In more recent years, Jill decided to go back to university to study for a post-graduate qualification in Specific Learning Difficulties: she now works as a Specialist Learning Support Tutor at New College, teaching students with specific learning differences, and has a particular interest in Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Always a great lover of the theatre and stage, Jill has teamed up with various amateur groups over the years, but now concentrates on Ten in a Bar, which she considers to be her 'most creative and fulfilling' venture.

CHOIRS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Featuring

Ten in a Bar

Conducted by Jill Hodge

AVE

Conducted by Sir Peter Beale

In aid of Immanuel church funds

at Immanuel Church, Upham Road, Swindon
September 24th 2011 at 7.30pm

Wine & Refreshments to be served after the concert

Tickets £3.00 (available at the door)

First Half

A word of Welcome

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Coelos ascendit hodie Stanford

Ten in a Bar

Proud Mary Ike & Tina Turner

Fields of Gold Sting

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Beati quorum Via Stanford

Justorum animae Stanford

Lay a Garland Pearsall

Ten in a Bar

Sunny Bobby Hebb

I will always love you Dolly Parton
(featuring Heather)

Breakfast at Tiffany's Pipes & Todd David
(featuring Paul)

*Brief five-minute interval
(a chance to stretch your legs)*

Second Half

Ten in a Bar

Seal Lullaby Eric Whitacre

People Get Ready Curtis Mayfield

She's always a woman Billy Joel
(featuring Martin, Dan & Peter)

Run Snow Patrol

Music down in my Soul Moses Hogan

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We'll gather lilacs Novello
(featuring Jayne)

Bluebird Stanford
(featuring Jayne)

Over the Rainbow Arlen

The long day closes Sullivan

*We are particularly grateful to our accompanists this evening: Kathy Wood,
Steve Parker and Christopher Tadman Robins*

A word of thanks

*After the concert you are all cordially invited to join the performers
in the church hall where refreshments will be served.*