

## Fareham in Harmony

### Rehearsal record – September 2007 until 3 November 2007

#### Works under rehearsal:

- Dona Nobis Pacem – David Fanshawe
- No Wars Will Stop Us Singing – Debbie Wiseman and Don Black

- 17 September 2007      30 singers plus 3 Trainee Music Leaders      1.25 hours
- Registration and introductions – to the project team and to the music leaders Colin Davey and Karen Kingsley.
  - Introduction to the two pieces to be performed in November. First exposure to Latin for many members.
  - Meeting between parents and project team to explain the aims of the project.
- 24 September 2007      28 singers + 3      1.25 hours
- Work mainly on 'No Wars' – some young singers already familiar with the work having sung it on peace day (21 October 2006).
  - Struggling with Latin pronunciation in 'Dona Nobis'
- 1 October 2007      24 singers + 3      1.25 hours
- Work on musical ability – particularly hitting the high notes! And singing louder!
  - No Wars taking shape
  - Dona Nobis – improving slowly
  - Young singers asked to think of a name for the choir ....
- 8 October 2007      16 singers + 2      1.25 hours
- Attendance down mostly because of Half term holidays
  - More work on musical ability – tuning and breath control featured highly
  - No Wars sung well for first time – expression needed
  - Dona Nobis – coming along
  - Naming the choir discussion – lively and challenging for project team – but a good decision made to name the choir 'Fareham in Harmony'.
- 15 October 2007      24 singers + 3      1.25 hours
- Glad to see the young singers enthusiastically back
  - Worked hard on Dona Nobis – beginning to take shape
  - Really good sound in No Wars ... much more confident and resounding.
- 22 October 2007      25 singers + 3      1.25 hours
- More musical development work – projection and accuracy – reading the score
  - Don Nobis – still struggling with confidence – notes there but words difficult
  - No wars – great
- 29 October 2007      25 singers + 3      1.5 hours
- Final rehearsal with Fareham Philharmonic Choir and Soloist
  - Excellent work in the early part of the rehearsal – singing through the music – very confident now.
  - Some confusion when soloist and adult choir joined in – took a while to understand geography of Dona Nobis
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  - Ready for first performance!