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BHCHS Choir on CD!

YES, it's true. The Choir and Orchestra of Buckhurst Hill CHS have just made their first ever CD. Thanks to Dick Greening (BHCHS 1954-61), we now have available a superb archive recording of the music from the 1959 Christmas Concert.

The original recording was made by Dick on the school's *Vortexian* tape recorder.

Dick describes in the cover note how the tape managed to survive, eventually being transcribed for posterity.

The CD contains (we think) all the music from this concert - more than 30 minutes in all. I found the quality of the performance quite remarkable. A particular feature is some very secure orchestral playing in the Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on Christmas Carols". The baritone solo in the same piece was Cecil Lloyd, father of Ian Lloyd (BHCHS 1951-58) - also a fine performance (Mr Lloyd was a

professional singer). While listening to this music it was as though I'd been eerily transported back in



Dick Greening

time to the school assembly hall.

The concert was conducted, of course, by Donald Ray, head of music at BHCHS from 1951 to 1961. The photo below shows the choir and orchestra in March 1961 - not the concert on the CD but many of the participants will have been in both

events.

Dick has kindly offered to produce copies of this CD at cost. It will come in a very smart cover with Dick's recording notes, the full programme details, and emblazoned with the school crest. The exact price will depend on demand. If you would like to order a copy or ask for more information you can either write to Dick at Sky-lark Cottage, 122 Freehold Street, Lower Heyford, Bicester, Oxon, OX25 5NT or email him at:

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Please note Dick will not be able to process orders until around the middle of November.

No editorial on this occasion. My article on page 16 will be quite enough from me for the time being. But thanks for all your kind comments on the last edition. Please feel free to contact me with ideas how *OB News* can be improved and keep sending me material for publication.

Graham Frankel



Donald Ray conducts the School Choir and Orchestra in Bach's "St John Passion" March 1961

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