

MD report:

I'm sorry that I'm unable to give you this report in person...though I am revelling in the low notes that I am currently able to hit! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our social day on Saturday, and on that note, I am reminded of how far the chorus has come since our last open day 12 months ago.

Since then, we have expanded our repertoire to include more challenging songs - including the two songs that we are hoping to perform at the BABS convention next year! I have been deeply impressed at the way you have all applied yourselves when learning these new songs - you have all been willing and eager to take on the challenge of learning more complex songs, and you're all full of ideas on how we can change the interpretation of the songs (e.g. changing the rhythm in Come Fly With Me).

We've had several performances so far this year, and I'm delighted to say that you all put on an exceptional show each time. Being able to raise your game for a performance is an excellent quality to have, and you have all certainly been able to do that! We'll have the chance to show our skills in front of fellow barbershoppers this weekend at our social day, and with Christmas coming up, there will be further opportunities to perform.

The rate at which you've been able to pick up new songs and learn tags at rehearsals is testament to how far you have all come in the last year. In recent times, I've referred to tuning much less than in the past, meaning we can focus instead on artistic details that will help to create a better performance.

I'd like to thank you all for your continued commitment. What we do is challenging, but your hard work is worthwhile...and I shall endeavour to continue to make it as enjoyable as possible for you!

Ben