

Louise is in concert this autumn with the Wessex Male Voice Choir (November 1st at St. Michael's Church) but prior to that the Highworth Choral Society will be performing a programme intriguingly entitled 'Essentially English' at Warneford School on Saturday 12th July.

HADS Panto success

We have just had our pantomime at Warneford School in February. With an audience of 188 on Friday night, 160 on Saturday afternoon and another 170 in the evening, I cannot tell you how much that meant to the cast and supporters. The months of rehearsals had paid off. We'd like to say a big thank you!

Anyone interested in acting, singing, dancing or backstage, come along to Silver Threads Hall on Monday or Thursday evenings, 8-10pm. Our next production is in the pipeline. Come along and have some fun with us! Phone our membership secretary, Sandra Rendall, Tel: (01793) 762197.

Alfie Howe, Play Reading Secretary, Highworth Amateur Dramatic Society

Highworth singer in Summer Music

Mavis Bridger of Highworth (pictured right) and her friend Edith Watson (left) will be sharing summer with Swindon Choral Society as they present An Evening of Summer Music in Christchurch Old Town, Swindon, on **Saturday 14th June** at 7.30pm. Listen as Stanford's Bluebird soars above you in this beautiful Church besides enjoying work by Purcell, Vaughan Williams and Orlando Gibbons. As an

added treat this programme, which also includes work by Byrd, Bach and Bruckner. Missa Brevis composed by Robin Nelson, Musical Director, will receive its World Premiere.



Tickets priced £10 but free for under 18s are available from Swindon Tourist Information 01793 530428, Brian Taylor Music and Sound Knowledge Marlborough. You can purchase a special ticket to include a Cheese and Wine Reception following the performance for just £15.

Mirian Sirrelle

Sweet little kisses

I was reading recently about how it is coming back into fashion to have a nature table. Maybe it has never gone out of fashion. My friend Ruth tells me that one of the teachers at Eastrop infant school - where my son goes - has a whole corner dedicated to nature. How fabulous! But what this put me in mind of was spending time with my son. I know that the pressures of life are such that I am always in a rush and I certainly do not spend enough time with him. But what I truly love, is cooking with him. And even in my miniscule kitchen with only a half an hour, say, we can conjure up little treats that are rewarding and great for his lunchbox too

Part of my everyday job is teaching children to cook and the joy in their faces when they see the result of their labour is tremendous. Cooking can provide valuable educational skills too. Weighing is great for maths and they can hone their co-ordination skills too, with mixing and rubbing in. Plump for a simple recipe to begin with but have them choose with you. There is no need for a children's recipe book.

Any baking book will suffice.

So whether you are a granddad, aunt or plain old mummy, get into the kitchen.

But whatever you do, don't think about the mess!

Coconut kisses are easy and fun. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.

Mix together 150g soft butter and 90g golden caster sugar until pale.

Stir in 110g plain flour, 60g cornflour, 60g coconut and 75 chocolate chips until you have a stiff paste.

Roll walnut size pieces in your hands, place on a lined baking sheet and top with half a cherry.

Use up all the mix then bake for 15 minutes until golden.

I can tell you, these won't last long! Happy kissing.

Lesley Ball