



PRUDHOE GLEEMEN – SEPTEMBER 2018

We know you enjoy doing choir homework, so we're ...

Introducing: ***MuseScore*** ®

Shortly after Judith became our MD, we began to use the internet to provide tools to help our members learn their lines. These tools comprised MP3 tracks of the different lines and a system called "Scorch" where the music played as a cursor moved across the pages of the musical score.

We are no longer able to support Scorch, but we think we have found something much better. It's MuseScore.

MuseScore is a FREE program that you can download and install on your computer and use it to watch and play Judith's arrangements as they pass "before your very eyes" (as Arthur Askey used to say). It also gives you some clever options to play with, but let's not try to run before we can walk!

DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER? No worries, we can still use the software to produce music CDs for you, so you can listen to your line-part on any music player with a CD slot.

YOU DO HAVE A COMPUTER? OK – let's get started!

Our members' support website is at : www.prudhoegleemen.org.uk/ttbb On there, you will find a whole stack of stuff that Judith has provided for us. And at the top of the stack, you will see: **JUDITH'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON** and it contains some MP3 tracks (click on one!) and some MuseScore files for the different parts. Now, the MuseScore tracks are no good without a MuseScore player, so try this >>

Go to: www.musescore.org to find out more about MuseScore and then press the FREE DOWNLOAD button to find the correct version for your computer's operating system.

If you have any problems with this, please contact **Pete Barrett** who will be happy to provide IT support. Can you guess what song was playing when we snapped this image? >

Perhaps it's difficult to see the detail here, so let's enlarge it; please turn over.

Sorry, no prizes for guessing the tune! The blue vertical line is the cursor, which scans the notes as you hear them played. It's better than Karaoke! So, why is there a MuseScore file for each line when the whole score always appears on the screen?

Well, if you download the correct file for your line-part, you will hear your section is played much louder than than those for the rest of the choir. And no, you will not hear the actual lyrics, but you don't hear them either when Alison plays your part for line-practice. What you will hear is choral "Oohs" and "Aahs" from a sythesiser voice layered on top of the piano accompaniment you will hear during a performance. If you want to hear all the parts in harmony, then use the Tutti(all) version of the file.

We do hope that you will give MuseScore a try with Judith's files. During the summer break, Judith and a few choir volunteers spent a few happy hours trying out different software options to create the files now on the members' website. Now it's your turn.

Here's Pete's email address (it's in script to stop web-spiders from sending me junk mail!)

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- Thanks, Pete