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Two items of interest to our choir appear in today's Herald - one uplifting, one rather disappointing. Club News features a piece about our choral workshop on 30 September. This event is proving to be hugely popular and is now almost full. If you would like to join the 100 or so already signed up for this, see the posts below explaining how...but be quick!

Sadly, the paper has also announced that Philip R Buttall's classical music coverage in the Culture column is now surplus to requirements. Philip, who has served the local music scene in very many ways and for very many years, has been a regular attender of this choir's concerts for as long as many can remember and we are very grateful for all his support and insights.

This change in the Herald's editorial interest is surely just another symptom of the overall decline in support for classical music. From the well-documented demise of formal musical education in schools, to the scant interest in the wider media, we now have a generation of people who have simply not been exposed to some of the finest aural art mankind has produced.

But there is hope for the future of classical music in the Plymouth area. Somewhat incredibly perhaps, in 2020 Plymouth Philharmonic Choir will be proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary! In the spirit of supporting large scale choral music, it will be fantastic if by then we have a new generation of singers in our ranks alongside its many stalwarts. Fresh faces, both in the choir and in our audience are, as always, very welcome.

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