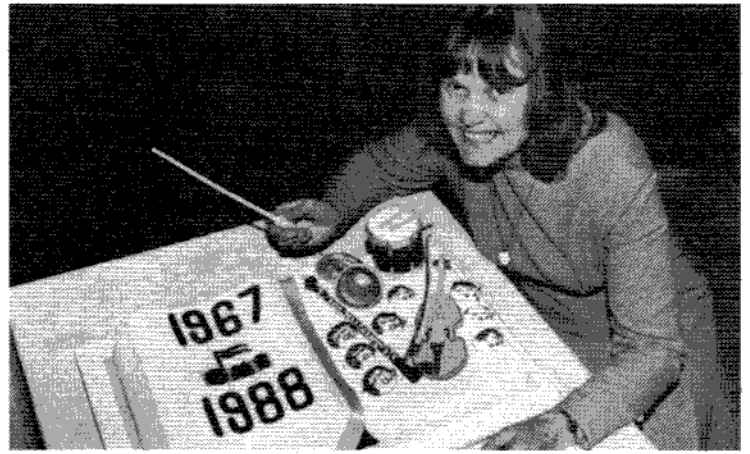




Antony Hopkins, guest speaker, Councillor Margaret Edwards, Peter Fletcher, Head of Music at Ormskirk's Edge Hill, and Mrs Susan Edwards, the WLDC's Lady



Striking the right note with a 'musical' birthday cake is Mrs Marian Bowstead, who baked it



Antony Crimlisk, Head of Music at Ormskirk's Edge Hill, and his wife Gill

MUSIC MAKERS

ORMSKIRK Musical Society celebrated the 21st Anniversary of its founding as a joint choral and orchestral society with a dinner at the Civic Hall. Early records show that the society existed as a separate choir and orchestra as long ago as March, 1882. Both sections of the society rehearse separately each week and perform four concerts a year as well as charity concerts. A highlight in the society's history was the Messiah for All performance in the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool, in 1986. This was seen throughout the country on television, raising £5,000 for Christian Aid and Cafod.

The well known musicologist Mr Antony Hopkins was guest speaker at the society's dinner. Events arranged for this year include a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana on March 18, and the concert version of Bizet's Carmen on July 1. John Cocks took the pictures.



The two founder members, Mr Bert Hildreth and Mrs Esme Lyon



Mr Geoffrey Peet with his wife Katrina (right) and Mrs Ruth Beaumont



Antony Fletcher, Mrs Jessie Hewitt and Mrs Ann Ockenden



Mr Michael Ockenden, Choir Chairman, Mr Roger Tindley, Conductor, and Mrs Ellaine Jackson, the society's General Secretary