

CHESS VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

1 CHOIR NEWS

1.1 Well, we ended 2011 with another successful Christmas Concert. We had a really good audience and the Wycombe High School girls did us proud. The format of this concert seems to very successful and enduring. The retiring bucket collection raised £504 for Heritage House which was a really good result and indicates how our concert had put the audience in a very good mood. Roger has CDs available of the concert at £5 each. Please contact him on roger@rogersmith.me.uk

1.2 I thought that this year's Christmas Party was the best for years. Of course it was cancelled due to snow for the last two years. Thanks to Mike who organises this event. It was good to see so many recent members present joining in the fun.

1.3 Thanks to David Walker for organising the carol singing at the Queen's Head and to John Poston for so ably directing the singing. We had a super turn out and it was great to see so many recent members supporting the event. The communal carol singing went really well and it was great to see so many young men joining our ranks and singing so well. Let us hope that one or two join us permanently.

1.4 I think the bottom line of the success of these Christmas events is that they were all refreshed by the contribution our newer members. Involvement of newer members in the organisation of the choir would also be refreshing and we urge you to volunteer to make a contribution.

1.5 May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at rehearsal on Tuesday 10 January suitably refreshed and ready for the 2012 season.

2 PROGRAMME

2.1 Your committee have compiled an interesting programme for 2012 which we hope will meet with your approval and support. Please add the events to your new 2012 diary. Attached is a concert attendance sheet which we hope you will annotate. Our ambition is to have every box filled in with a yes or a no. This is important as low support could cause us to cancel a concert and the more notice the less embarrassment. Additionally we need a balanced choir and early indication gives us the opportunity to move our invaluable utility players.

2.2 Engagements

Sat 24 March St John's Church, Ashley Green
A charity concert in aid of the Hospice of St Francis

Sat 14 April White Hill Centre, Chesham Don Smith Memorial Concert
*A joint concert with Chesham Barbershop Harmony Club.
Proceeds to White Hill centre*

Sun 20 May Afternoon concert in Bovingdon Prison
An outreach event to expand choir's charitable experience

Sat 26 May Six of the Best, Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham
A joint concert with Amersham Brass Band and Mark Armstrong on Trumpet

Sat 2 June Lunchtime Outdoor Concert, Amersham
Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Wed 6 June to Fri 8 June Choir Tour to Norwich and Bury St Edmunds
Concerts in Norwich Cathedral and Bury St Edmunds Abbey

Tues 31 July Summer Party

Tues 11 Sept Resume rehearsals

Sat 27 Oct Autumn Concert, Amersham Free Church

Sat 15 Dec Christmas Concert, Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham

3 BUDAPEST TRIP 2013

Roger is already working on this project. If you haven't already done so please inform him whether or not you will be able to support this trip. The format will be similar to our very successful trip to Bratislava and Vienna.

4 SECTION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Section rehearsals will be held if the section wish to hold a rehearsal.
This is also the rota for clearing up the church after rehearsal.

Tues 17 Jan	First Tenor
Tues 24 Jan	Second Tenor
Tues 31 Jan	First Bass
Tues 2 Feb	Second Bass
Tues 9 Feb	First Tenor

5 CHOIR WEB SITE

You are encouraged to use the Choir Web Site on www.chessvalley.org.uk for the latest update on performances and rehearsals.

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