

Tone's Tidings

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St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

Patron: The Rt. Hon The Earl of Iveagh; President: Paul Deane
Vice Presidents: John Balaam, Dr John Meers and
The Very Reverend Dr Frances Ward
Registered Charity No. 1028123



How are you all getting on with your short song title stories? As a thought, you might like to try your hand at a limerick instead such as:

As Rachie watched Autumn Leaves
The Soldier said he Believes
That the Pilgrims Chorus
Ain't from Isis and Horus
But that note at the end is a Breve.

How to keep in touch

As you know we have a weekly notices moment at rehearsals and these notices are then transferred to the website, so if you are uncertain about a piece of information you have a second chance.

The website also has all the relevant details of forthcoming events, training CDs and the like so please, please, please use it.

If you have mislaid your password and user name I have a list so email me and I can send it to you. I do NOT carry it with me everywhere, so please don't ask, just email me.

I know that some of you young chaps regard a computer as a bit of an anathema, so I will try to remember to bring you hard copies of Tidings and any other info that warrants it.



It has taken some time but at last Second Tenor, Alan Phillips, has got his 25 year cufflinks. The delay in presentation was me forgetting to bring to rehearsal or Alan not being there when I did remember. All's well that ends well.

Sudbury here we come

We are hosting a joint concert with our friends from the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir at St Gregory's Church on **Saturday 21 November at 7.30 pm**. It is in aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund.



More Christmas events

We start with the Choir Christmas Dinner at the BSE Golf Club, Tut Hill on **Friday 4 December, 7.00 for 7.30 pm**.

The next day, **Saturday 5 December, starting at 2.30 pm** at our patron Lord Iveagh's Elveden Courtyard, we will be singing carols. There will be two half-hour sessions with a half hour break. As it is outside, you will need to wear warm clothing (resurrect that 2006 Baltic fleece!). See keyboard player, Paul D, below who last year had a fan heater.



Our last evening of 2015 singing at Howard Middle School will be on Thursday 10 December but there is an opportunity to sing more carols and socialize at 'Carols and Chips', The Woolpack, Fornham St Martin on **Thursday 17 December**. Tickets for the food will be on sale shortly.

Preparing for Christmas

Once again we have been invited to sing on stage at Angel Hill, BSE as part of the Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre. Please come along on **Saturday 28 November at 10.00 a.m.**



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Help others and help yourself

I have just finished moving my brother-in-law as he is downsizing. One problem we had was what to do with old tools that he had inherited but now has no need for, plus all his own spare garden tools. The answer was quite easy, take them to TWAM.

Tools with a Mission is a Christian Charity that takes any form of unneeded tools, re-fettles them and then ships them out to various African countries for use in training centres. They will take tools from all trades i.e. carpentry, metal working lathes, plumbing, motor mechanics, tailoring etc. - you name it they can find a use for it.

So, when the missus drops a hint that she wants a new wood turning lathe for Christmas or you decide you want a new knitting machine, please remember to take the old one to TWAM. TF

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Promoting 'Singing for Life'

At a recent rehearsal evening choir members expressed their support for the Leigh Orpheus MVC concert.



There will be four MVCs singing in aid of Prostate Cancer UK on **Sunday 31 January 2016 at 4.00 pm** in the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend on Sea.

For those singers available, there will be a rehearsal on Saturday 16 January, 2.30-5.00 pm in the Tabor Academy, Braintree, CM7 5XP.

Dates for your diary

Sa 21 November – Concert with Suffolk Constabulary MVC, St Gregory's, Sudbury, CO10 1BA.

Commemorate 75th anniversary of Battle of Britain. In aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Sa 28 November – BSE Christmas Fayre, Angel Hill, 10 a.m.

Fr 4 December – SEMVC Christmas Dinner, Golf Club, Tut Hill, BSE, 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Sa 5 December – Carol singing, Elveden Courtyard

Th 17 December – Carols & Chips, The Woolpack, Fornham St Martin

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Th 7 January – First rehearsal after the break

Sa 16 January – 'Singing for Life' rehearsal, Braintree, CM7 5XP, 2.30-5.00 pm

Fr 22 January – Mayor's Charity concert as guests of Bury St Edmunds Concert Band, The Apex, BSE, 7 pm

Su 31 January, 4 p.m. – 'Singing for Life' Concert with Leigh Orpheus, Thurrock and Braintree MVCs, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, SS0 7RA. In aid of Prostate Cancer UK. (www.lomvc.org)

Sa 20 February – Concert with Laura Wright and Downham Preparatory School choir, The Apex, BSE. In aid of Laura's chosen charity, Nordoff Robbins.

Sa 19 March – Concert, Trinity Methodist Church, Looms Lane, BSE IP33 1EB. Soloist, Clare Mellor (flute), featuring Trio Sospirato (www.triosospirato.com)

Th 31 March – M 4 April – Irish tour to Dublin and Belfast

Sa 23 April – 'Sing for your Supper', All Saints, BSE

Sa 21 May – Concert, St Nicholas Church, Rattlesden, IP30 0RG. Soloist, Ross Van de Zande.

Sa 18 June – Concert, St Mary Church, Ixworth, IP31 2HH. In aid of church funds.

Th 14 July – Mini concert for Over 55's Club, Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell, IP30 9UH.

Sa 22 October – Concert with The Orpheus Singers, Hadleigh, Essex (near Southend)

Irish Tour, 2016

There has been a lot of interest in the trip to Ireland (Thursday 31 March - Monday 4 April). The tour will include singing and a tour of Guinness Storehouse, a day-trip and concert in Belfast, a concert with a Dublin choir and hopefully singing in St Patrick's Cathedral.

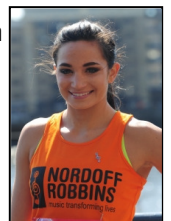


Saturday 20 February 2016, 7.30 pm Special Guest artist with SEMVC at The Apex

25 year old Suffolk-born soprano, official anthem singer for the England Rugby team and singing at the opening of the Invictus Games are among Laura Wright's claim to fame. She last sang with SEMVC in 2013.

Laura has requested that profits from the concert go to Nordoff Robbins, a music therapy charity dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children and adults. (www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk)

Tickets - £20 (£10 for under 16s).



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our Vice Chairman, Rob. We gather it's an extra special one this month. Thanks for all you do, Rob, behind the scenes for the choir.

Reports and pictures for Tidings are welcome.
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