

Tone's Tidings

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St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir
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The Summer hols have ended and now we are all back

We all have been quite busy and of jaunts there was no lack.

What with barbeques and bike rides to name but two

And the extra rehearsals for those of us who

Sang in an Uptown Funky fashion on the Bank Holiday.

One Good Turn

It was thanks to Michelle Parry that we got involved with her 'One Good Turn' concert at the Apex on August 27th. Her objective was to raise funds and the profile of 'Help Musicians' who had helped to see her through some torrid times in her life.



(SEMVC with Turntable, Apex, BSE)

Here is a letter from Margaret Fielder on her thought of the evening and *Uptown Funk* in particular:

"I just had to write to express my gratitude for such an incredible concert last night. It was the most I have laughed since Chris was alive and well, and it did me so much good. I won't say it was your best concert ever, but when you sang with the band, and had to sing your hardest to be heard, with that amazing 'new' number, you were all smiling, laughing and throwing your energies and enthusiasm into it..... and we were all simply killing ourselves watching you. Well done you and Mark for entering into the spirit of the evening so wonderfully well. The men were 'in the swing' or 'in the mood' or whatever the expression is now.....moving to the rhythm with obvious enjoyment..... And as for the dancing.....we won't go there.

Lovely to see so many old men (and women) reliving their youth with such a diverse audience, and knowing it was raising well earned cash to help others. A job well done I say..... Roll on your next rock evening. Once again, my thanks for a truly memorable evening, which brought tears of joy."

A final word of thanks to all of you who managed to make the extra rehearsals for *One Good Turn* and also for the performance at the Apex. Yes, it did seem a little chaotic on the day but well worth it. Well done all of us who helped Michelle raise in excess of £2,500 for her cause.

PS On Facebook, from Michelle, posted 8 September,
"Thank you Gentlemen you were incredible and thanks to a big fan of yours we have reached the **£3,000** mark."

Looking forward

Our first concert of a busy Autumn Term will be held on **Saturday 24 September at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds.**

Another great evening is in store as Haverhill Silver Band are joining us. It is many years since we have performed together. Tickets are £10 which includes refreshments. Afterglow tickets are available from Rob or Ian, price £4.

A month later we are taking up The Orpheus Singers' invitation to visit them. You may remember our joint concert in St John's Church, March 2015. Arrangements are in hand for our trip on **Saturday 22 October** to the concert venue - Salvation Army Temple, Hadleigh, Essex (near Southend) SS7 2PF. Coaches will be organized; let's hope we don't leave anyone behind!

More travelling, and this time east of Long Melford, for a concert in St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SP. It will be held on **Saturday 19 November.**

Barbecue, Sunday 7 August

Previous barbecues, whilst being most enjoyable, had seemed to be plagued by cold evening winds or rain and sometimes both, so we were more than happy with a warm, sunny afternoon, albeit a little windy, when 50 of us gathered at Great Barton Village Hall, complete with our chairs, drinks and appetites for the al fresco feast. Major Domo Ivor sorted out the 'pecking' order and off we went to tuck into burgers and bangers with all the trimmings followed by home-made sweets.

A gentle and convivial Sunday afternoon, the way all summer Sunday afternoons should be!



Our thanks to Rob, Jane, Ian, and Ivor for putting the 'do' together.

Art invitation

Top Tenor and artist, Ed Wilson, has sent the following:

I have been accepted to exhibit at the Cambridge Original Printmakers Biennale 2016. The work is up from 22nd to 28th September in the Pitt Building, Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RP. The exhibition is open daily from 10.30am to 5pm and entry is free. There are 39 printmakers showing in all, so there will be a huge variety of styles and subject matter. If you fancy a day out in Cambridge come along and have a look and keep me company for a while.

This is one of the pieces I will be exhibiting in Cambridge.



At the same time I have had three prints accepted for the 1st East Anglian Mini Print Exhibition in Aldeburgh from 23rd to 28th September. This exhibition which is being organised by the Red Dot Art Consultancy, will be held in the Garage Gallery next to the Aldeburgh Festival booking office in the High Street. Again, if you fancy a day out at the seaside, fish and chips etc..... Ed.

Dates for your Diary

Sa 24 September – Concert with Haverhill Silver Band, St Mary's Church, BSE, IP33 1RT

Sa 22 October – Concert with The Orpheus Singers, Salvation Army Temple, Hadleigh, Essex (near Southend) SS7 2PF

Sa 19 November – Concert at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SP

Sa 26 November - BSE Christmas Fayre

Th 15 December—End of term, Carols and Chips, BSE Rugby Club

Fri 16 December – SEMVC Christmas Dinner, BSE Golf Club, Tut Hill

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Sa 18 March – Concert with Isleham Primary School Band, The Beeches, Mill Street, Isleham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5RY supporting community hall funding

M 17-Sun 23 April – French tour *tbc*

Su 14 May – Concert with Amersfoort MVC from Holland, St Peter and St Paul Church, Clare CO10 8NY

Sa 3 June – King's Lynn MVC 60th Anniversary Mass Choir, St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn PE301NH *tbc*

Sa 17 June – Woolpit Festival *tbc*

Sa 8 July – St Mary's Church, Churchway, Redgrave, Diss IP22 1RJ *tbc*

Sa 30 September – Concert at St Mary's Church, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LS in aid of church funds

Sa 14 October - Three Choirs Festival with The Dalesmen MVC and Mansfield and District MVC, Derby Cathedral Centre, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

Sa 18 November - St Peter's Church, Market Hill, Sudbury CO10 2EA in aid of RAFA *tbc*

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Sa 14 April – Concert in Ipswich with Suffolk Constabulary MVC

Den's Forest Bike Ride, Thursday 11 August

After a number of our members dropped out due to unforeseen circumstances, finally eight of us mounted our (t)rusty steeds and set off from Brandon Country Park, having first fortified ourselves with a caffeine infusion from the on-site café. The weather, of course, did us proud by persistently raining for most of the ride, such matters of no concern to us seasoned riders.

We first visited some of the attractions of the park, and delighted in watching a family of moorhens making their way onto the lake, one small one getting a little left behind after trying to go exploring in the reeds. We then rode along the less severe forest trails, stopping to visit the Edward Bliss Mausoleum, and Thetford Warren Lodge.



A slight diversion was taken by three of us, (Den, Ross and Tony Heaton) to ride the infamous 'Beast', a 400 metre very technical downhill mountain bike run, during which Tony attempted to learn to fly without the aid of an aeroplane! He and his bike ended up upside down in a bed of nettles! Later, Jeff Prosser managed to end up on the floor underneath his bike after encountering an unexpected sand pit. Later still, his wife, Sandra, managed to slip off into a very wet patch of bracken! However none of these mishaps were serious and were all taken in good part. At various points on the route several of the men had to disappear behind the trees to 'take some photographs', to a chorus from the ladies of "Don't forget your telephoto lens!".



After a very brief stop at the High Lodge Centre, we proceeded to my house, where my wife Diane had laid on a fantastic buffet style salad lunch, much needed after the ride; some of the men appreciated my offer of an also much needed glass of home brewed beer. Refreshed, we rode the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile back to the starting point, where one of the girls complained that she had been short-changed, as she had been led to believe that we were going to ride 17 miles, but her cycle computer only registered 16.86! The matter was resolved by her riding around in circles until she had completed the distance. Result! Everyone enjoyed the ride (and the lunch) tremendously and all are now looking forward to the next round, which will be an 'Autumn Colours' forest ride during late October. Many thanks to those who turned up to support the event, and a huge thank you to Diane for the superb lunch, which, she assures me, will be repeated at the next round, though probably something a little more warming than salad, as it might be quite chilly in October. Den C (Second Tenor)

*Reports and pictures for Tidings are welcome.
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