

DRYBROOK & DISTRICT LADIES CHOIR

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

DIARY DATES:

SAT 24th MARCH 7pm Forest Church Concert with Forest of Dean Male Voice Choir

Raising funds for the Church

SAT 31st MARCH 12noon Wedding

SAT 14th APRIL 11am SPRING FAYRE - usual stalls Raffle, Tombola, Cakes etc. Fabulous refreshments. All donations gratefully received.

SAT 28th APRIL 7pm Cinderford Methodist Church Concert for Age Concern FOD

REPORTS AND REVIEWS

Dean Neurological Centre, Longford: an inspiring place to visit and take our music. We are always humbled by the work they do in this wonderful establishment. The refreshments were awesome, too, thanks to Alex's family. We look forward to going there again this year.

Forest Church Xmas Concert: sadly had to be cancelled because of the heavy fall of snow. We hope the concert in March with the FOD MVC will raise much needed funds for the Church.

Co-op Christmas Sing: Well done to you all for singing solidly for an hour! We raised a good sum in the collection buckets for the Bursary and the Co-op have asked us to repeat the visit this year.

Residential Homes Visits: We managed to take our carol singing to The Old Rectory, Longhope, Townsend House, Mitcheldean and Westbury Court before the festive weekend. It is always a joy to see some of the residents joining in and taking part, but what touches me most of all is taking our music to those who are bed-bound. What a privilege.

Dear Girls,

Spring might be on the way, but the temperature outside makes us feel that winter hasn't finished with us yet - as I write it's snowing! At least we are able to appreciate the longer daylight hours.

We have been a poorly choir since Christmas, with a number falling foul of the flu virus. Sadly Barbara Johns had to retire as she suffered dreadful travel sickness travelling to and from Choir - we will miss her but wish her well. Vilma sends you all her love and thanks for the good wishes, phone calls and visits during her unexpected spell away from choir as she nurses her broken leg. She hopes to return soon.

We look forward to sharing the concert in March with the FOD Male Voice Choir. We haven't shared a concert venue with them for a very long time (excepting the Cathedral last year) and we hope we can make up for the fact that we missed the Christmas Concert, as it is such a special event. I think that this Christmas was the first time ever that the Concert had to be cancelled. It was such a shame.

And finally - Good News! The band are arranging for a carpet to be fitted in the Bandroom soon, so our toes should be warmer during the winter. What's the betting the temperature rises when it happens!

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