

SC Week 1 Notices

It was great to be back together again! The enjoyment of the December concert was acknowledged and there was a real feel-good vibe to the evening as we started exploring the lovely repertoire for our March concert.

A concert deficit of £400.00+ was reported; unfortunately, the expected audience turnout was affected by the weather.

Gina and Ron have kindly provided the following concert review:

Stowmarket Chorale staged their autumn term concert in the URC in Stowmarket. The programme included the Sparrow Mass by Mozart and the Magnificat by Buxtehude followed by some lovely carols.

We wanted to say how much we enjoyed taking part in this concert. We had not sung any Dietrich Buxtehude before, and we were really impressed with what turned out to be a fairly difficult composition. The pleasure came from mastering the music with William Baldry's help, patience, and experience. The Mozart Sparrow Mass was also delightful and a joy to sing.

Mince pies and 'alternative' mulled wine were enjoyed during the interval, which was followed by a lovely arrangement of lesser-known carols by Cecilia McDowall, and some general carols with audience participation.

We had a small but select audience, so it would have been great to see more people applauding our endeavour for this delightful programme. Ron and Gina Fryer

The December concert was followed by our fundraiser Quiz-Social Night. This was not well supported due to illness and other commitments; nevertheless, a great evening was had by the 27 participants and £300.00+ raised. Many thanks to Friends Paul and Derek for being the Quizmasters, to the committee members & Jim for organising and to choir members for their donations of raffle prizes.

Come and Sing! Vivaldi Gloria & L'Estrange Love's Philosophy

Our Come and Sing! Day is on Saturday, 10th February at the John Peel Centre - **this is our primary fundraiser and recruitment event for this term.** A show of hands was asked for, to gauge who would be attending and members' commitment was requested, as it is essential that this is financially viable. Adverts are already online, we use social media platforms to publicise and our choir and contacts distribution lists will be emailed, in addition to advertising support from the JPC. Paper flyers will be available next week (digital copy was attached in the last email and is available here:

<http://www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Singing-Day-February-2024.pdf>).

All members of the choir are asked to do their bit by actively inviting singer friends and contacts to attend.

Advance booking through tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk or 07912 432220

Bank transfer payments:

Barclays

Sort Code – 20-82-75

Account Number – 50711594

Account Name – Stowmarket Chorale

Reference – Your name + SD

Diary date: Saturday 16th March Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Many thanks to Hilary and Terry for initiating, organising and hosting this SC event!

More info to follow.

The following practice files are not guaranteed for accuracy but may be helpful!

<https://www.choralia.net/el07mp3/el07mp3it.htm>

Will also recommends listening to

<https://youtu.be/GauIMo8Manc?si=0FYxJPgY60PQfoV3>

Wishing everyone a good week!