

BARKING TYE COMMUNITY CHOIR – Annual Report 2014

The choir has now been in existence for 3 years and continues to go from strength to strength, with 25 members from Barking and the surrounding villages. We are still unable to attract male singers to our group (perhaps they are scared of us!) but we don't really mind - most community choirs are for mixed voices (sopranos, altos, tenors and basses) and so it is rather nice to be different.

We now have our own electric piano, thanks to the generosity of Barking Community Council and a very exciting Christmas concert at Wattisham Base, where we were actually paid to sing.

Christmas is always a busy time for choirs and ours was no exception. As well as our invitation to perform at Wattisham, we sang at Carol Services in Barking and Great Bricett Churches and Barking Chapel.

In July last year we gave a concert together with some instrumental soloists and the Barking Handbell Ringers at Great Bricett Church in aid of SARS and church funds. It was very well attended and received and we are planning another similar event on Saturday 26th July this year. As yet we have not decided on a charity but half of the proceeds will go to the church as before.

Other engagements for this year include Battsford Church's Centenary Service on Sunday 13th July and singing with the Caravan Club Brass Band's 'Last Night of the Proms' in Ringshall on Saturday 2nd August.

Then we will be involved with the pantomime in February next year.

The Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the village hall and new members are always welcome to join us.

Sandra Reynolds
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