

Rob's Review



St Edmundsbury
Male Voice Choir

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Concert at Castle Manor Academy, Haverhill Saturday 3 November 2018

Lol Farr kindly sent the following report:

As past and present members of the Scout and Guide movement, Tony suggested to me that he would like to organise a concert in aid of the Stour Valley Explorer Scout Unit. Explorers are the older members of the Scouting movement, aged 14 to 18 years and one has just been to Poland and gained his Explorers Belt, and another who has been chosen to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree next year in Virginia, USA.



The Explorers were very much up for it and the well-chosen programme was extremely well executed on the night with Mark being on top form. Unfortunately there were not many bums on seats, therefore not a lot of money was raised for the youngsters but those who attended, I know really enjoyed it.

A close neighbour came because his grandson was involved. He told me that he was coming because he had to, but was pleasantly surprised at what he heard and had no idea the choir sounded so professional!

It was great to hear the members of Pembroke College Chapel Choir again and I also enjoyed the first performance of your new piece *One Day Like This*. I guess you can only say, "you can't win them all!"

Looking ahead to Christmas

Saturday 24 November, 10.00 a.m.

Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre

We have been invited to sing again on The Greene King stage, Angel Hill for about 45 minutes.

It is a tradition that we wear Christmas hats!

A good opportunity also to wear the 'Baltic Fleece' from October 2006.



**Thursday 20 December,
Carols and Chips
Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club**
Doors will open at 7.00 pm.
Tickets are £5 and available from
Vice-Chairman Barry Cole

Last rehearsal for 2018 in Howard Primary School will be on Thursday 13 December.



Reiner Genz 9 December 1956 - 7 October 2018



Christian Koch of MGW Werdorf sent this translation of an obituary in their local paper:

Reiner Genz, experienced choirmaster, pianist and organist, was torn from life by a tragic accident on 7 October. His life and aspirations were music, both secular and ecclesiastical, especially choral singing.

The humorous musician was always full of ideas and visions to motivate his singers and spur them on to top performances. In his home region he has led the Männergesangverein 1865 Werdorf since 2001 and founded the mixed choir Allegro in 2002 through a choir project. Both formations experienced exciting and instructive years under the direction of Reiner Genz and showed at numerous concerts and choir tours among others to England, Paris, Prague and Amsterdam.

The last highlight was the concert of the MGW Werdorf and the Kammerchor Nied in the monastery of Haina, which Reiner Genz rightly presented with pride. He has been working with the Männergesangverein 1874 Niederbiehl, which he chaired, and the Frauenchor Melody Niederbiehl since 2000. As church music director and choir director of the Bundesvereinigung Deutscher Chorverbände, he was a highly decorated dean's choir in Frankfurt-Höchst, where he conducted the pop and jazz choir "PopchorN", which he founded in 2004, as well as the church choir and the chamber choir Nied.

Multiple prizewinner at national choir competitions, guest lecturer at various universities in the field of choir conducting, internationally renowned concert organist, adjudicator at choir competitions - his fields of activity were almost endless.

Reiner Genz was born on 9 December 1956 in Mainz, studied Protestant church music and school music in Frankfurt a. M. and Göttingen, completed masterclasses for organ with professors Marie Claire Alain (Strasbourg) and Zsigmond Szatmary (Zurich) and was a member of the Collegium Aureum Munich orchestra for a time. Idle to add up all his merits.

As in all his choirs and areas of activity, Reiner Genz also leaves a large gap in Werdorf. Anyone who had anything to do with him personally is dismayed and saddened by the surprising death. But Reiner would certainly not have wanted a standstill for his places of work, but would have called upon the accompanists of his musical life to continue his work with heart and soul.

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Patron: The Rt. Hon The Earl of Iveagh. President: Paul Deane, Vice Presidents: John Balaam, Dr John Meers

Possible future for MGW Werdorf

Towards the end of October, MGW Werdorf had their first rehearsal with their new choirmaster Peter-Ferdinand Schönborn. He will initially conduct them until the end of the year, but possibly permanently.



Reiner and MGW Werdorf at their concert in June 2018

Congratulations



Ed (Edward) Wilson (Top Tenor), a member of West Suffolk Hospital's cardiac physiologist department, took part in the Great East Swim at Alton Water. He swam the 2 mile course in 1 hr 12 min 47 sec and raised £500 for the hospital's Every Heart Matters Appeal. Ed is a relatively recent member of SEMVC.

Planning a Tour in 2019

SEMVC Committee are currently looking at a replacement for the proposed Dutch tour. Costings are being made for two nights in Liverpool and four nights in Douglas, capital of the Isle of Man. Provisional dates are depart Bury St Edmunds on Tuesday 2 April and return on Monday 8 April.

More information will be available as soon as possible.



The Isle of Man flag is a triskelion, composed of three armoured legs with golden spurs, upon a red background.

Dates for your Diary

Sa 24 November - BSE Christmas Fayre, Angel Hill, 10 a.m.

Th 20 December - Carols and Chips, BSE Rugby Club

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Th 3 January - Rehearsals resume *tbc*

F 25 January - Annual Dinner, BSE Golf Club, Tut Hill

Sa 23 March - Three Choirs Festival, Southwell Minster, NG25 0HD with Mansfield and Bestwood MVCs

Tu 2 - M 8 April - Liverpool & Isle of Man tour, *tbc*

Th 25 - M 29 April - Les Canards Sauvages visit

Sa 6 July - Concert with the Jubilee Singers, Stowmarket United Reform Church, IP14 1AD

Social Outing

On Wednesday 31 October, 18 gallant souls gathered at the Prince of Wales theatre in London to see the Book of Mormon. Some had spent the day in London visiting galleries and eating pasta, some came down later in the day. Second Tenor Simon Loughe came down much later in the day! Some even hurtled in from Wales.

It was a show that divided opinion. Personally I found it hilarious and thoroughly enjoyed it from start to finish and I believe the majority of the 18 felt the same. However, the show was a very savage 'dig' at the Mormon religion with a lot of profanity, so I can fully understand why those of a more gentle disposition did not feel the same as me!!

I must mention the wonderful staff who really looked after the old fogey who can't walk too well. You can read all about this on The Book of Mormon Trip Advisor pages.

Ivor T



Annual Dinner Friday 25 January 2019 Bury St Edmunds Golf Club Tut Hill



Bookings are being taken for this event which happens to fall on Burns Night, so it will have a Scottish theme and we hope you will wear a touch of tartan. A taste of Haggis is optional!

Details are available from Ian Robertson (Concert Manager).



Received from Margaret Charlesworth via a cousin in New Zealand.



Geez Grandma! It's not that hard! Go into Settings... select wi-fi... Select it! Tap it with your finger... OMG any finger!! Grrrrrrr

Reports and pictures are most welcome, please.

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