

BRAINTREE MALE VOICE CHOIR NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The two concerts at BRAINTREE Arts Theatre with Colchester Military Wives Choir were very successful. The total profit was about £1900. Well done everyone.

DATES

We start practices again Wednesday 4th January. Ian gave you a list of dates recently. When you get your 2017 calendars and diaries please transfer these dates to them. The only addition is 8th DECEMBER 2017-our Christmas concert- the guest performers are Bocking Brass.

REHEARSALS

In order to help our singing for just one week David is running a Section rehearsal before our main practice, mainly for one piece of music which he wants us to get right at the outset! This will be 7-7.30 , followed by a practice for the whole choir. The dates for the practices are Basses and Baritones. 11 January 7pm All Tenors. 18 January 7pm. Please make every effort to attend as it will improve the quality of our singing for the new pieces.

UNIFORM

The current position with uniform is that we are changing the uniform to:

- Charcoal suit
- White shirt embroidered with "Braintree Male Voice Choir"
- Coloured bow tie(colour not yet decided)

We are hoping to have the uniforms to wear for the May concert.

More information will follow from Rob.

COMPANY OF WEAVERS PERFORMANCE, 10 MAY 2017

The high light of our year is likely to be singing in the Grocers Hall for the Lord Mayor of London and the Worshipful Company of Weavers Ladies night. This is likely to be an experience different from anything we have done before and should be well worth going to. Make sure you do not miss out on this opportunity. I think the experience will be talked about by the choir for many years to come.

The Choir are being paid a substantial sum (with the cost of travel and light refreshments in addition) but we must have at least 24 singers and the five or

so pieces will have to be sung from memory. Barry will be asking for firm commitments as soon as we start back in January. At the last count we had 27/8 on the list to go but if any drop out, we would need to consider a deputy from another choir.

TOUR

It is intended that the choir should go on a tour in the U.K. in Summer 2018. The destination and dates have yet to be decided but it will probably take a similar form to the Nottingham trip this year.

ERNIE

I spoke to Ernie today (Thursday) and he is hoping to come out of Broomfield on Friday.

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