



The Worcester Warbler

The newsletter of Worcester Male Voice Choir
Charity no. 1141309



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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the Worcester Warbler. We hope that this will become an invaluable source of information about your choir now that we're "back in the game" as well as a stimulating read. As with its predecessor publications, we welcome contributions from Friends and Members be they concert reports, golfing news or just something you feel we should share. I look forward to the flood of exciting articles. In particular, any photographs of our performances would be most welcome.

In the meantime, may I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

So here we go with the second edition!

A message from our Chairman:

Did you hear about the female Opera singer who had quite an impressive range at the lower end of the scale? She was known as the deep C diva!

Yes, we are back to 'normal'! Rehearsals continue to be well attended and the pressure is on to learn all the pieces of music we will be singing at Pershore Abbey and at the various Worcester City events we are invited to attend throughout November and December.

Scott, Our Musical Director and James our accompanist are keeping us all on our toes with their demands and they remain remarkably patient with us when we sometimes struggle to grasp what they want. Hopefully the end result will be well worthwhile.

I am pleased to report that ticket sales for our two Pershore Abbey concerts are selling well and we are hopeful of a full house on both nights – the excitement builds.

The planning process for future concerts in 2022 and 2023 is in full flow and our Concert Secretary is very busy making all the necessary arrangements.

Our Music Subcommittee are also very active ensuring our repertoire is fit for purpose as we go forward.

I have recently been interviewed for a local magazine article and hopefully this will be the first of many as we take WMVC forward.

I have also completed our 5-year Development plan. It has been approved by our Musical Director and Committee and is now being distributed to our membership.

The Committee have also approved a special "Absent Friends" concert to remember all those we have lost in the last 2 years. The concert will be held at the Worcester Baptist Church on Saturday 19th March – more details to follow.

Thank you all for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

Les Janes. Chairman, Worcester Male Voice Choir.

Concert Reports

Remembrance Sunday

Twenty of us turned up to support the singing in the Cathedral and outside afterward around the war memorial.

Christmas Lights Switch on

27th November saw a small group of stalwarts performing on the balcony overlooking Cathedral Square for the Christmas lights switch-on. The market had been cancelled following weather warnings but the boys (?) of Worcester Male Voice Choir soldiered on magnificently!

Victorian Fayre

Saturday 4th December saw about twenty choristers assemble outside the Wildwood Café, having been moved out of Bell Square (Covid precautions) for a run through some of our Christmas numbers. Fortunately, it wasn't raining but it was pretty chilly and the break after an hour was welcomed as a chance to take on some warming refreshment. The second half included a rendition of Calon Lan (audience request) and the buckets were rattling nicely by the end of the performance.

The "Hat of the Day" award went to Clive Way (front right)



Dates for your diary:

- 10th December 2021 (Friday) 19:00 – Christmas Concert, Pershore Abbey
- 11th December 2021 (Saturday) 19:00 - Christmas Concert, Pershore Abbey
- 18th December 2021 (Saturday) 10:00 – 12:00, Bell Square, Crowngate
- 12th February 2022 (Saturday) - Christmas Party, Powick Village Hall
- 24th July 2022 (Sunday) – Picnic by the Lake, Cutnall Green

Other News

I have received this from Graham Heath:

Worcester Wheels Charity Golf Day - Wednesday 13th October 2021

I want to say a massive thank you to the members of the choir who supported our Golf Day at Worcester Golf & Country Club on Wednesday 13th October. Whilst none of the choir members came in the prizes, they appeared to enjoy the day and helped to raise some £400 for our charity. I know that the choir have enjoyed a relationship with Worcester Wheels in the past and I hope that we can rekindle that friendship again. We are hoping that this will be an annual event and that more golfers in that choir will participate. I will certainly be promoting WMVC concerts to our service users. Thanks again to all those who responded to my appeal for support.

Graham Heath, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

And a reminder

If you have something you'd like to see included in The Warbler, please email me at davepetershome@gmail.com (or even send me a letter)

Stay well

Dave Peters