



CHESS VALLEY

MALE VOICE CHOIR

Newsletter

February 2023

Spring is just around the corner and the CVMVC is preparing for several exciting concerts in 2023. We enjoyed our return to Amersham Free Church for a Christmas concert and felt well supported by our audience. We so appreciated hearing soprano Alice Martin delight us with her range of repertoire, and we also discovered why Firoze Madon was a finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year 2022 with his awesome piano playing.

This year we have an opportunity to sing with other choirs and will include the famous Treorchy Male Voice Choir in a charity concert for MIND in June.

Our next performance will be on **Sunday 26th March at 6pm at St Peters Church, Berkhamsted**. This is a joint "Choirs Together" concert with the Castle Singers where both choirs will sing from their own repertoires and join together to sing two pieces arranged by Nicholas Bannan, the Castle Choir's new Music Director - an operatic chorus and a Welsh traditional medley.

Our soloist at this concert will be Beatrice Murray, a 13-year old violinist who is in Year 9 at Berkhamsted School and joined the Royal College of Music's Junior Department in September 2020 where she learns the violin with Mona Kodama and singing with Margaret Cameron. Beatrice is a former prize winner at Chesham Arts Festival, sings in St Peter's Choir and will join a Junior Choral course run by the Rudolpus Foundation in August. Beatrice will play from Mendelsohn's D Minor Violin Concerto and sing songs by Handel and Purcell. We are welcoming her back following our Christmas concert 2017 when she played with her sister Madeleine. **Tickets £10, available from Brown & Merry, 124 High Street, Berkhamsted HP4 3AT, or on the door.** See attached flyer.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 13 May at 7.30pm -- at St. Mary's Church Chesham. Revisiting a beautiful local venue we haven't sung in for some time.

Saturday 17 June evening concert --Treorchy Male Voice will perform a Charity Concert at St. Mary's Church Chesham -- our level of participation is still to be agreed.

Sunday 25 June at 2.30pm -- Cream Teas at St Peter and St Paul's Great Missenden. A regular shirts sleeves venue for those in need of a sugar fix!

Saturday 23 September at 1.00pm -- Bath Abbey. A return day trip visit to one of our favourite venues, to get our annual "Cathedral" fix.

Saturday 14 October at 7.30pm -- Amersham Free Church. Back to our usual time/venue for the Autumn Concert.

Saturday 16 December at 3.00pm -- Broadway Baptist Church. Back again to our "spiritual home" for our afternoon Christmas Concert.