

fyc FARNHAM YOUTH CHOIR

NEWSLETTER

Training Choir News

We had a fantastic start to the term with lots of new members signed up. Last term, we started to work on songs in two parts, really building the young singers' confidence. This was clear to see at the Christmas concert as, despite low numbers, the children sang up well. Schools' workshops have also been busy this year, and we're working towards the Singing Spree in June.



Junior Choir News

The Junior Choir have a busy term ahead with joint concerts with Taplow Choirs and the LSC at Cadogan Hall. Last term, the singers worked hard preparing for our own Christmas concert and also for the Farnham Community Carol Service. It was the first time our choir had sung for this event and the Junior Choir really stepped up to the occasion.



Senior Choir News

Christmas was its usual busy self with the Farnham Town Council Civic Service and our own Christmas concert. The term ahead is packed with preparations for the Interkultur competition in Hull. The SC will be working on performance skills and expression, alongside learning some complex music. The singers have also had the benefit of Hannah Poulson's vocal coaching and her experience of competing in international competitions with FYC.



free teatime concert

SATURDAY 04 MARCH, 5PM

SINGERS FROM THE AWARD-WINNING FARNHAM YOUTH CHOIR

- SOLOISTS AND GROUPS
- VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES
- WITH PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT BY MATTHEW RICKARD

AT THE SPIRE CHURCH, FARNHAM

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW OR TURN UP ON THE DAY!

TEA & CAKE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA & MUCH MORE!

SUPPORT THE CHOIR'S FUNDRAISING TO TAKE PART IN INTERKULTUR'S INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION IN HULL

NEW RECORDING

We are very excited to announce the release of our latest recording - 'Herstory' on 1st March. This mini-album consists of the three songs written by our composer in residence team for 2022, Russell Hepplewhite and Helen Eastman. The three songs each feature inspiring women scientists from history - Mary Anning, Caroline Herschel and the so-called 'human computers' who calculated NASA's missions to the moon in the 1950s. Please add them to your playlists from 1st March on Spotify and YouTube and get as hooked on these songs as we all are!

herstory

Music by **Russell Hepplewhite**
Lyrics by **Helen Eastman**

FUNDRAISING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

We will be taking our Senior Choir to Auckland for the Interkultur World Choir Games in the summer of 2024. Our young singers have been working extremely hard to raise money for both this trip and their trip to Hull this year. As you can see from the poster opposite, they have organised a fundraising concert showcasing all the musical abilities they have, beyond choir. We really hope you will come along and support them in any way you can. In addition to all the work being done by our singers to raise funds, the trustees and

wider community surrounding FYC, past and present, have to play their part to allow the choir to represent their country on this important international stage. We are seeking sponsorship from businesses, national and local, to help get our youngsters to Auckland. Do you know of a business with ESG money to spend? Or perhaps you might like to sponsor a singer? However you might be able to help, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact either of our co-chairs of Trustees via email:
clare.wingfield@fyc.org.uk or melanie.hancox@fyc.org.uk



BONDING AT BRAESIDE, OCTOBER 23

Since the Senior Choir's first visit to Braeside Outdoor Education Centre in the pandemic-struck summer of 2021, this place has become a firm favourite with our singers. The SC now visit for a training weekend every October which gives them the opportunity to get to know all the new members and to learn lots of music together in a relaxed and safe environment. The adult volunteers take up the catering reins, with everyone eating together, before the singers clear up. Roasted marshmallows around the campfire is becoming a new FYC tradition.

World Choir Games

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