

# fyc FARNHAM YOUTH CHOIR

## NEWSLETTER

### Training Choir News

We have been working hard on songs about winter snow, the moon, bells and dinosaurs this term. We have started to sing in two parts and work on our singing posture. We were delighted to welcome new members and they have worked so hard to become part of our amazing choir team. We are all really looking forward to our first concert of the year!



### Junior Choir News

Along with the Senior Choir, we completed the recordings for Russell Hepplewhite's History Express song cycle. We can't wait to hear the recordings. We've also been busy preparing for Christmas concerts and also our entry for the Barnardo's National Choral Competition.



### Senior Choir News

We were fortunate to be able to sing Carmina Burana in a joint concert with Guildford Choral at GLive back in October. It was also great fun to sing and be on stage during the switching on of the Farnham Town Christmas lights.



## FYC SINGING SPREE AND SCHOOLS' WORKSHOPS

Over the 2021-2022 school year, our Training Choir conductor, Claire Robins started a busy programme of workshops in Primary Schools across Farnham. All thanks to generous funding from D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust. Following on from these workshops, we held the inaugural FYC Singing Spree on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at the Farnham Maltings. 120 year two schoolchildren from Farnham enjoyed

participating in singing workshops with all three of FYC's music team, before ending the event with a roof-raising performance of Comet Crazy, a new song commissioned by FYC from Helen Eastman and Russell Hepplewhite. The song is all about pioneering astronomer, Caroline Herschel and is intended for young voices.



### SUN, SEA AND SINGING IN CORNWALL

Early on Thursday 4th August, our Senior Choir assembled in Farnham ready to head west to beautiful Cornwall. This was the first real tour for the choir for three years, after our planned trip to the World Choir Games in 2020 had been COVID-cancelled. The tour bus stopped en route for the choir to sing a lunchtime concert in Exeter Cathedral, before continuing their journey to Falmouth. Read more about our tour of Cornwall by visiting the blog page of our website. [fyc.org.uk/fycblog](https://fyc.org.uk/fycblog)



### FUTURE PLANS: 2023-2024

We are very excited to be taking our Senior Choir back into the competition arena next year for the first time since our successful outing at the European Choir Games in 2019. For the first time, an Interkultur competition is taking place in the UK, in Hull, in May 2023. Then we are off to Provence for the Concours International Choral in July. Then, in 2024, our 40th anniversary year, we will take the Senior Choir to New Zealand for the World Choir Games. Competition also beckons (hopefully) for the Junior Choir as we have entered the first stage of the Barnardo's National Choral Competition.