

CHOIR NEWS - JANUARY 2015

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

I make no apologies for putting this item in pole place in my first Choir News of 2015. After a good start, sales of the 100 Club Tickets for 2015 have slowed and we are a good way off the magic number of 100 members that we are aiming for.

The people of Bledlow, Saunderton and Horsenden can take great pride in the choir's performances both in the parish and in the great cathedrals and minsters of the land. And as you know already, we also sang in the American Cathedral in Paris in summer 2014.

The choir receives no financial support from the parish but costs around £4,000 to run. In addition choir members pay all their own expenses such as travel and hotel when singing away. So being a member of the choir costs each of the singers around £500 per year in personal expenses.

So my plea is, if you haven't already done so, that you join the Bledlow 100 Club which currently is our only source of fundraising. The cost is £60 per year and you will be entered into a monthly draw for a cash prize. The amount of the prize will depend on how many members we have, but to give you an idea, in 2014 with 77 members it was £154 per month. Applications for membership can be downloaded from the website, can be found in the Lions and the Peacock pubs or in any of the churches. If all that fails, email me at: mike.beattie@jmbt.co.uk and I will post one to you.

Some of you may not want to join the 100 Club but would like to give the choir your support. If that is you, I would be pleased to receive your donation. Whether you join the club or make a donation, please make your cheque out to 'The Bledlow 100 Club' and send it to me at the address given below.

OTHER NEWS

After Christmas, we will sing in Norwich Cathedral on the first Sunday of the year. Details of the music and of our commitments for 2015 can be found on the parish website at : <http://www.bledlowparish.org.uk/Choir.htm>

At the end of January we are joining with Uxbridge Choral Society (also run by our choir master, Jeff Stewart) to sing How's Advent Cantata on consecutive days in Uxbridge and Princes Risborough. This is lovely music, very accessible and melodic; it would be great to see you there

Yes and now it's.....**THE BLEDLOW 100 CLUB-AGAIN!!!!**

The winner of the November draw was Kenneth Folley who won £154 and well done to him.

The choir greatly appreciates the support of all the members of the 100 Club. Please, please take a membership for 2015 and encourage others to join.

More next month

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