

CHOIR NEWS – NOVEMBER 2015

It's nearly two years since I took on the job of writing Choir News and I think that you and I deserve a change and so I'm pleased to say that Robert Hill, one of the basses, has volunteered to take over from me after this issue. I wish him well and expect we will see a change of style reflecting his whimsical humour and more cerebral view of life. Thank you too to all who have read this column without complaint and if any of my words have caused upset, it was completely unintended.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Our weekend of singing at Winchester, the last cathedral visit for 2015, will be over by the time this Choir News is published and we will be working hard to master the programme of music for Christmas. In 2016 we plan to sing at Lichfield (a personal favourite) and Guildford, where I believe that our choirmaster Jeff Stewart sang as a boy...many years ago.

THE BLEDLow 100 CLUB

The winner of the September draw was Giles Manning who is £186 better off as a result.

The 100 Club is coming to the end of its second year. I never tire of thanking those who support the choir through the 100 Club. It is our sole source of income and ensures that we don't need to draw on parish funds for our activities. Most of the draws take place in the pub so it adds a social dimension to the choir activities

For 2016 I have decided to change the rules of the club. The yearly membership will stay at £60 per ticket, but instead of a monthly draw with one prize, there will be a quarterly draw with first second and third prizes. If we are fortunate enough to recruit 100 members the quarterly prize fund will be £600 and the prizes will be £300, £200 and £100; so even a third prize winner will get his stake back with interest.

If you are not already a member, please consider joining for 2016. A membership of the 100 Club makes a nice Christmas present.

For more news, over to Rob and without further ado, adieu

Mike Beattie

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