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Warwick's West Gallery Quire
NEWSLETTER II

From Old Christmas to Candlemas



*England was Merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again—
Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale,
Twas Christmas told the merriest tale,
A Christmas gambol oft could cheer
The poor man's heart thro' half the year.*

Saturday 1 February 2014 at 7.30 pm
Northgate Church, Warwick

It's always a good to have an excuse to sing Carols at times other than Christmas. Yes, indeed, there are Easter carols, but not the large number available for Christmas—so an invitation to sing carols in February should always be accepted! This invitation comes from the Church whose hall we use for practice, and they are well used to the genre of music we sing, so they enjoy the opportunity to join in. We have an overhead power-point presentation for the words (even the 21st century creeps in!) So come and join in as well! Tickets available from Ian and Barbara Meddoms tel: 01926 492945, or at door.

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You have received this occasional Newsletter from Immanuel's Ground in order to keep you abreast of the Quire's activities, and because you have given us your email address for contact purposes. If, however, you now no longer wish to be kept informed in this way, please email the Quire's Webmaster at edwin@immanuelsground.com and your address will be removed from our list.





Recent Events

Our concert at Cote Baptist Chapel before Christmas 2013 for the Historic Chapels Trust was an intimate event in the sympathetic surroundings afforded by its beautiful wooden interior. Surrounded by box pews and panelling, the Quire was seated in the centre of the Chapel, majestically overlooked by the Minister's preaching desk — effectively a two-decker pulpit—with the Band on top of the full length baptismal tank. Boarded over of course, but nonetheless it gave rise to comments from the Band who were wondering if any woodworm still present would hold hands long enough to prevent them having to sail away atop Alan's bass violone.



Starting with Advent, our '*At the Closing of the Year*' programme looked briefly at the state of the Georgian nation during the year just gone, using glees and secular songs and readings through Easter to Harvest, before moving on to the build up to the Christmas period. The audience looking down on us from the galleries joined in with the 'community' singing, and it was an interesting reversal of roles from a west gallery perspective, where the quire might well have had pride of place on high, . . . but the acoustics were just perfect!

Dates for your Diary!

The Tenth Mid-Shires' Quires' Day—a Celebration of West Gallery Music.

Saturday 26th April 2014, 10 am to 4.30 pm at the Village Hall Byfield. For singers and players alike. Further details and application form attached. This is a popular day of regional west gallery music; cost still only £8, plus a bring and share lunch which gives the opportunity of meeting old and new friends from the west gallery world.

Concert in the Parish Church at Sandford St Martin, in Oxfordshire

on Whit Sunday, June 8th 2014 - date to be finally confirmed shortly. Watch the website ! This will be at 4.00 pm in place of the Evening Service, tea to be arranged. All we need is good weather !

Future Events . . .

2013 was a busy one for us, and we took part in something like one concert or workshop a month over the course of the year!!

We are currently working on our 2014 Programme. Just a reminder that we are happy to receive requests for Concerts, and to sing Evensong, either with the local church choir coupled with a workshop for them, or separately — Deanery Evensongs, Patronal Festivals, other Parish Celebrations etc., etc. We can usually tailor what we do according to your wishes.

Please contact Julie on 01926-512340 for further details.

Mid-Shires' Quires' Day

The Tenth

Saturday
26th April 2014

at 10.00 am



The Mellstock Quire, sketch from Thomas Hardy's notebooks; by courtesy of Dorset County Museum.

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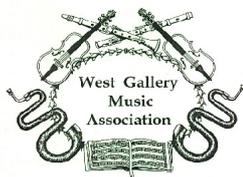
hosts a day of

West Gallery Music

exploring psalms, hymns and anthems from the mid-shires

Music will be available on line nearer the date, as it becomes available, at

www.immanuelsground.com/Mid-Shires/msqdmusic2014.htm



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MID-SHIRES' QUIRES' DAY 2014

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

Immanuel's Ground, Warwick's West Gallery Quire, extend a warm invitation to join them in a day of regional West Gallery music. The cost will be £8 per person. A book of music, and light refreshments will be provided, but please bring a savoury or sweet dish, (cold food only and ready to serve) to the shared lunch.

The day's singing and playing will be held at Byfield Village Hall, Northants., NN11 6UT, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., doors open at 9.30 a.m. Byfield is on the A361, midway between the M40 (Junction 11) and the M1 (Junction 16). Numbers are limited to 80 people, so please book early to ensure a place, and to enable the production of music books, **return your booking form no later than 12 April 2014.**

Name: Tel:

Address: E-mail:

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No. of places required @£8 per person..... Total: £.....

Please give names of all those for whom this booking is made:

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(B b clarinet part book required: YES / NO)

Please complete and return this form, together with a cheque made payable to Immanuel's Ground, to:
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(If you require a receipt, please enclose an s.a.e.)