

Alvechurch Community Choir
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Congratulations to those of you who withstood the tropical heat of the Social Club last night and took part in the committee/ discussion/ singing - sorry I wasn't able to manage all of it! We'll remember next year to find another venue for our July "second Monday" as the venue is really not suitable for high summer. I understand the new song is proving popular, and look forward to singing it.

The committee meeting covered future activities, which are starting to take shape. Next week of course we have the barbecue at the Barnt Green Cricket Club (bring your £7.50 for the food, ideally in exact money, and remember you need to pay for drinks. as well). Glad rags can be worn! Then 23rd July and 6th August are at the Crown, Withybed, in the main bar.

Our Avoncroft event is 25 August approx. 6-7, with a rehearsal on 20 August.

We start the new term on 10 September (Social Club) and it ends on 10 December. During that term we have plans for another workshop and/or pub session, yet to be decided, to give Laurence a bit of a break! It is possible that Mike may be able to come back for a session or two, but it depends on Hannah's treatment as she has some complex ones coming up. He misses us, Laurence says. At the end of term, for your forward planning, the party is on 3 December and the carol singing/pub session on 10 December.

You will know by now that we have our big Concert for Peace on Friday 9 November. We will be joined by other Alvechurch choirs: Cantare and a children's choir, both run by Rebecca Schwarz, so far, and possibly others. Because of this we may have a second performance and/or move to a larger venue! It is also possible that a smaller group may visit the Ex Services association separately to do some community singing with them. So, more details to come on this.

We start our Christmas singing on 30 November, which is the switch on of Christmas lights in Alvechurch, with another possible concert that weekend. We have been asked to take part in the Baptist Church Christmas tree festival (as we did two years ago at the last one) and we will do. We hope to involve everyone in the choir in decorating the tree this year! Sarah's good idea is when we have decided on the theme carol, in the autumn, we each bring an item to contribute. Again, watch this space!

We have also been asked to sing at Finstall WI on 11 December.

Sorry to be talking about Christmas so soon, but it's good to have some of the next few months planned. Laurence and Dave are doing a great job of leading us at the moment, and we thank them for their commitment to going through to next year! Laurence is also looking for other people to lead some guest sessions/workshops.

We also have the Arts Project coming up which will provide an arts trail in Alvechurch, and there are plans for a big Easter event in the village next year!

Hope to see you all next week

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