



Taplow Youth Chamber Choir

York Tour

18th to 22nd April 2022



Introduction

We are all particularly excited about this mini-tour. Even getting onto the coach together – with music, luggage, and friends – has felt like a momentous occasion. The last two years have been a challenge for everybody, and this is how we have come through it.

The first Coronavirus lockdown, in March 2020, put on pause our choral development, with singing suddenly viewed as a dangerous activity. It was hard to bear both the silencing of voices, and the resultant effect on the fellowship that music brings.

In September 2020 we started up again with rehearsals outdoors, which we found extremely difficult with young voices, and not possible at all in the dark! We did a kind of 'stop/start' run of rehearsals, in accordance with changing government advice. We missed the continuity and progress we are used to, and most of all we missed the opportunity to sing to others.

Early rehearsals in 2021 were all on Zoom. I had really not wanted to do this; it seemed contrary to the magic of rehearsing together, loving the sound that we make, and 'living' the harmonies. However, I was very lucky that a senior member of our choirs was incredibly skilled with the Zoom process, and her expertise carried us through.

We managed four separate concerts for our four choirs in June 2021: short recitals, with the audience bringing their own chairs into the churchyard. The atmosphere was joyful. Our audiences had been longing to hear us again, and these proved to be truly memorable evenings.

I cannot thank our parents enough for the way that they have supported us. They did

everything, from monitoring social-distancing to sanitising absolutely everything we might have touched. They were marvellous.

Rehearsals in a cold church, with the large doors wide open, were not particularly comfortable – but this was what was required, during this unique period. Our finances have been hit hard, but membership numbers have mostly stayed up: we are just about coping, despite the virus causing unpredictable levels of absence from one rehearsal to the next.

Having come through truly the most disruptive experience of a long teaching career so far, I seek to renew, and continue to find the best opportunities for our young singers. I am supported by excellent colleagues, including David Manners (a tenor lay clerk at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle), who has worked with our choirs very successfully for many years. Though a more recent addition, Ben de Souza has proved himself to be highly valued as a voice coach, sectional leader, and conductor. I am therefore delighted that he is able to work closely with the choir in this series of performances.

We are loving our music and the real sound of the choir has returned. Already we have had highlights: participation in the 'Gabrieli Roar' project, a joint evensong with Eton College Chapel Choir, the resumption of our annual evensongs at Windsor Castle, and staging concerts in a real auditorium setting. We know there is a future for our music and our choirs – and, with broad smiles, we are grasping it with both hands.

Gillian Dibden

Gillian Dibden MBE
Director, Taplow Choirs
April 2022

Tour Staff

Gillian Dibden
Director

Gillian Dibden works as a vocal consultant and choral director. She has enjoyed national and international success with her school and county choirs.

Having founded Taplow Choirs in 2004, Gillian continues to lead the organisation, and says she feels privileged to work with so many talented young people.

In 2009, she was awarded an MBE for



services to youth choral music, and was named 'Choir Director of the Year' in 2014.

Ben de Souza
Rehearsal Assistant

Ben sang in Taplow Youth Choir from 2010-2015 and now supports the choir as a rehearsal assistant.

A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and the University of Cambridge, Ben works professionally as a freelance choral director with a number of choirs, and as an accordion teacher and performer, holding teaching positions at the Purcell School and Salisbury Cathedral School.

When not doing something musical,



Ben can be found building finescale model railways, volunteering at Didcot Railway Centre, or doing anything related to football!



Jenny Hopper

Piano
Accompanist



Simon Lock



Susan Glaisher



Morgen Michel



Elisabeth Cullen

The Choir

Thomas Bainbridge Beatrice Brennan Jemima Broadhead Lauren Bull Joshua Clarke
 Elisabeth Cullen Tabitha Dally Christopher Douglas Mimi Fawell Huw Follant
 Rosie Follant Sophia Harris Milly Keveren Lily Krapichler Rosa Krapichler
 Melissa Lattimer Jamie Lewin-Ray David Lowe Seraphina Manners Louisa May
 Maya Mignot Alex Searle Amirah Sheikh Florence Snoxell Agniya Soldatikhina
 Polly Stroud Katie Styles Sacha Tewes Phoebe Tomsett Anika Vasudeva
 Annelise Vigneron Anna Whibley Harriet White Josie White Clara Zuk



Members of Taplow Youth Chamber Choir represent the following schools from across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and further afield:

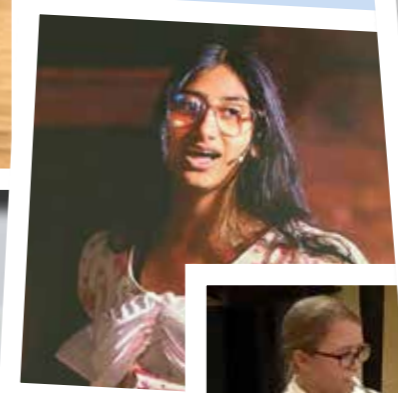
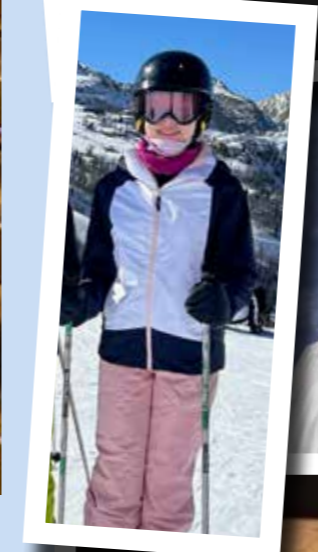
- Altwood CofE School, Maidenhead
- Beaconsfield High School
- Berkshire College of Agriculture
- Burnham Grammar School
- Dr Challoner's High School, Little Chalfont
- Farnborough College
- John Hampden Grammar School, High Wycombe
- Holyport CofE Primary School, Maidenhead
- Langley Grammar School
- Newlands Girls' School, Maidenhead
- Pipers Corner School, Kingshill
- Priory School, Slough
- Reading Blue Coat School
- Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
- Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, Marlow
- St Edward's Royal Free School, Windsor
- St Paul's Cathedral School
- The Holt School, Wokingham
- The Langley Academy
- Upton Court Grammar School
- Wycombe High School

Life Outside Taplow

Taplow Youth Chamber Choir members enjoy busy lives outside of their fortnightly rehearsals.

Anti-clockwise from top-left:

1. Alex Searle is a black-belt in Kung Fu, and teaches others.
2. Mimi Fawell is a keen skier and first hit the slopes aged nine.
3. Joshua Clarke sang and learnt the organ at St Paul's Cathedral.
4. Lauren Bull choreographed a solo routine for GCSE dance.
5. Clara Zuk took up the guitar at Christmas, and loves writing songs.
6. Anika Vasudeva took part in a school production of *Oliver*.
7. Sacha Tewes plays French horn.
8. Melissa Lattimer plays violin.
9. Polly Stroud plays flute.
10. Louisa May got a distinction in Level 1 Horticulture.
11. Thomas Bainbridge is set for the 2023 Scout Jamboree.
12. Anna Whibley danced in English Youth Ballet's *Swan Lake*.
13. Sophia Harris plays netball.
14. David Lowe is a black-belt at Taekwondo.



In Rehearsal



Monday 18th April

Selby Abbey

12:30pm (Part 1)



Full Choir

The Heavens are telling (from *The Creation*)
Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Magnificat (from *Evening Canticles*)
Evening Hymn

Joseph Haydn

JS Bach

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Henry Balfour Gardiner

Vocal Duets

The cats' duet
Jemima Broadhead and Milly Keveren
Barcarolle (from *The Tales of Hoffmann*)
Seraphina Manners and Phoebe Tomsett

Gioachino Rossini

Jacques Offenbach

Passing by

Edward Purcell

Polly Stroud and Jamie Lewin-Ray
He shall feed his flock / Come unto Him (from *The Messiah*)
Morgen Michel and Lily Krapichler

GF Handel

Girls' Choir

As long as I have music
Panis angelicus
Hats
Let there be peace on earth

Don Besig

César Franck

Hank Beebe

Miller / Jackson

Vocal Solos

Pieta Signori
Joshua Clarke
Make a joyful noise
Florence Snoxell
Oh! Had I Jubal's lyre (from *Joshua*)
Elisabeth Cullen

attrib. Alessandro Stradella

Michael Head

GF Handel

Full Choir

Ave verum corpus
Heraclitus
It is well with my soul

WA Mozart

CV Stanford

Mack Wilberg

INTERVAL

2:00pm (Part 2)

Full Choir

Fine knacks for ladies
O come ye servants of the Lord
Nunc dimittis (from *Evening Canticles*)

John Dowland

Christopher Tye

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Senior Girls

O vos omnes
Sweet was the song the Virgin sang

TL de Vittoria

C Armstrong Gibbs

Vocal Solos

Virgin tutto amor
Maya Mignot
Fear no more the heat o' the sun
Joshua Wong
Bring him home (from *Les Miserables*)
Christopher Douglas

Francesco Durante

Gerald Finzi

Boublil / Schönberg

Vocal Duet

O lovely peace (from *Judas Maccabeus*)
Katie Styles and Polly Stroud

GF Handel

Girls' Choir

Go the distance
The shepherd's song
Ex ore innocentium
The wedding ring
Irish Blessing

Alan Menken arr. Leavitt

Edward Elgar

John Ireland

Geoffry Russel-Smith

Philip Stopford

Youth Choir

Wherever you are

Paul Mealor

Tuesday 19th April

York Minster

5:30pm

Taplow Youth Chamber Choir sings Choral Evensong

Director of Music: Gillian Dibden
Organist: Robert Jones

Versicles and Responses

William Smith (1603-45)

Psalm 136 in E

Matthew Camidge

Evening Canticles in D minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Magnificat

Nunc Dimittis

Anthem: Evening Hymn

Henry Balfour Gardiner

Thursday 21st April

St Mary's Priory Church, Old Malton

7:00pm

Full Choir

The Heavens are telling (from *The Creation*)

Joseph Haydn

Ave verum corpus

WA Mozart

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

JS Bach

Evening Hymn

Henry Balfour Gardiner

Vocal Duets

Barcarolle (from *The Tales of Hoffmann*)

Jacques Offenbach

Sacha Tewes and Anike Vasudeva

O lovely peace (from *Judas Maccabeus*)

GF Handel

Katie Styles and Polly Stroud

He shall feed his flock / Come unto Him (from *The Messiah*)

GF Handel

Morgen Michel and Lily Krapichler

Girls' Choir

The Lake isle of Innisfree

Eleanor Daley

Nunc Dimittis (from *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*)

Geoffrey Burgon

Trumpet: Rosie Follant

As long as I have music

Don Besig

The wedding ring

Geoffry Russel-Smith

Vocal Solos

Silent worship

GF Handel

Rosie Follant

Voi che sapete (from *The Marriage of Figaro*)

WA Mozart

Sacha Tewes

Some things are meant to be (from the musical *Little Women*)

Howland / Dickstein

Lauren Bull

Fear no more the heat o' the sun

Gerald Finzi

Joshua Wong

Vanne, o rosa fortunata

Vincenzo Bellini

Elisabeth Cullen

Full Choir

Heraclitus

CV Stanford

It is well with my soul

Mack Wilberg

Fine knacks for ladies

John Dowland

There is no rose

John Joubert

Senior Girls

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang

C Armstrong Gibbs

O vos omnes

TL de Vittoria

Bunch of thyme

arr. Michael Neaum

Girls' Choir

Go the distance

Alan Menken arr. Leavitt

The shepherd's song

Edward Elgar

Ex ore innocentium

John Ireland

Irish Blessing

Philip Stopford

Youth Choir

Wherever you are

Paul Mealor

Friday 22nd April

Southwell Minster

5:30pm

Taplow Youth Chamber Choir sings Choral Evensong

Director of Music: Gillian Dibden

Organist: Robert Jones

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye

Versicles and Responses

William Smith (1603-45)

Psalm 107, verses 23–end

Samuel Wesley & Sir John Stainer

Evening Canticles in D minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Magnificat

Nunc Dimittis

Anthem: Evening Hymn

Henry Balfour Gardiner





This tour would not have been possible without the help and support of the **parents and carers** of our members.

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