

BFO concert Schedule for 2018:-

❖ Sunday 4th March - at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds

pieces will include Elgar Cello Concerto, Rossini & Marquez

Tickets will be on sale from January

❖ Sunday 8th July - at Ashlar House, Bury St Edmunds

We are currently looking for Double Bass and Viola players to join our Orchestra. If you are Grade 5 or above, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at buryfriendlyorchestra@gmail.com



Jessie's Fund

Jessie's Fund is a Charity dedicated to helping seriously ill and disabled children through music.

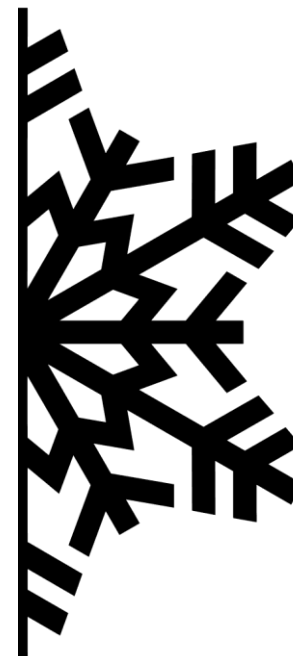
Music can provide a powerful and profound way in which children can express themselves and connect with the world around them. Their work covers all areas of the UK and aims to;

- 1- enable children in every children's hospice in the UK to access music therapy by establishing posts for music therapists, providing appropriate musical instruments, and offering musical training to staff;
- 2 -help children in special schools and hospitals to participate in creative musical activities;
- 3 -train staff in special schools to use music as a tool for communication and learning.

Please give generously. Thank you

Bury St Edmunds Friendly Orchestra is a Registered Charity – no 1157702

BFO Christmas Concert 2017



All Saints Church
Bury St Edmunds

**Tuesday 12th
December
7.45pm**

Directed by:
Chris Parsons

Leader:
Nicki Lancaster

WELCOME!



Our Programme

Conga del Fuego Nuevo - by Arturo Márquez

Conga del Fuego Nuevo (Conga of the New Fire) written by Mexican composer Arturo Márquez is inspired by the Afro-Cuban conga. Composed in 2009, it is a unique and miraculous expression of outright joy characterised by memorable tunes and syncopated rhythms.

Carol 1 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

Please sing with us! The words can be found on page 4

Sleigh Ride - by Leroy Anderson

American composer Leroy Anderson wanted to write a piece of music to convey the entire winter season through the imagery of a sleigh ride. It quickly became associated with the holiday season after being played in New York department stores on release in 1949. It is now one of the 10 most popular pieces of Christmas music worldwide.

Newmarket and Framlingham - by David Sims

Written specially for the BFO, we feature 2 movements from the Sounds of Suffolk Suite which will be premiered in full at our concert at the Apex in March 2018.

Carol 2 - White Christmas

Please sing with us! The words can be found on page 5

Verse 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"



Drinks & nibbles

Please stay and join us after the concert for mince pies and warm punch (non-alcoholic). We also have other drinks and seasonal treats to tempt you. Refreshments are free but we are asking for donations which will be given to Jessie's fund - our chosen charity today. You can read more about Jessie's fund on the back of our programme.

Acknowledgements

- ❖ We would like to thank Barry Metcalfe for kindly providing some of the carol arrangements for this evening
- ❖ Thank you also to Camilla Collins for making the wonderful punch!

Carol 3: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1 Hark the herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled”
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”
Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Verse 2 Christ by highest heav’n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin’s womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Verse 3on next page....

Two French Carols - by Lawrence Yates

- il est né
- Quelle est cette odeur agréable

German Dance No 3

by Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

One of Mozart's *German Dances* composed for the Viennese Carnivals of the 1790s, this *Sleigh Ride* creates a delightful picture of a charming winter scene. Repeating phrases that pass between the trumpets, woodwind and violins create the rise and fall of a sleigh over snow.

Jingle Midwinter Away - by Lawrence Yates

Christmas Festival - by Leroy Anderson

First performed on June 12, 1950, Christmas Festival was written to celebrate the gaiety and spirit of Christmas. Anderson took the themes from popular carols and songs and built them into a seasonal concert overture.

Carol 3 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Our final Carol for this evening

Please sing with us! - The words can be found on page 6



Carol 1 ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Verse 1 O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2 For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth

Verse 3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Verse 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

"Carol" 2 ***White Christmas***

Verse 1 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

Verse 2 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white

Verse 3 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
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