

BFO concert Schedule for 2020:-

- ❖ **Sunday 1st March, 6pm - at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds**
- ❖ **Sunday 5th July, 6pm - at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds –
A Last Night of the Proms Concert**
- ❖ **Thursday 16th July, 7pm – at Ely Cathedral as part of
the Isle of Ely Arts Festival**

We are currently looking for Double Bass, Bassoon 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 – www.jessiesfund.org.uk

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

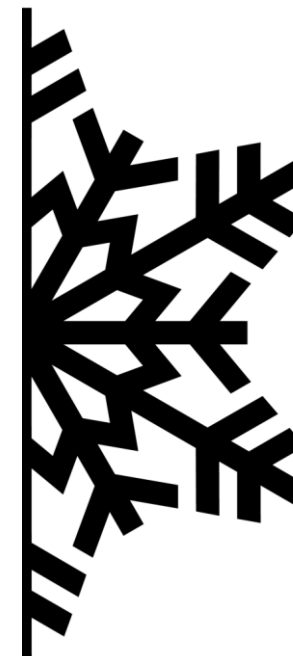
Music can provide a powerful and profound way in which children can express themselves and connect with the world around them. Their work covers all areas of the UK and aims to;

- 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 2019



All Saints Church
Bury St Edmunds

**Tuesday 10th
December
8:00pm**

Directed by:
Chris Parsons

Leader:
Nicki Lancaster

In Aid of Jessie's Fund



WELCOME!

Our Programme

A Christmas Festival – 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 1 – Away in a Manger

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

Overture to Nabucco – Verdi

Nabucco is the opera which is considered to have permanently established Verdi's reputation as a composer. He commented that "this is the opera with which my artistic career really begins. And though I had many difficulties to fight against, it is certain that *Nabucco* was born under a lucky star". It follows the plight of the Jews as they are assaulted, conquered and subsequently exiled from their homeland by the Babylonian King Nabucco. The historical events are used as background for a romantic and political plot. The best-known number from the opera is the "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves", a chorus which is regularly given an encore in many opera houses when performed today.

Song 2 - White Christmas

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Jingle Midwinter Away - by Lawrence Yates

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. All proceeds 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 Nicola Macrae for making the wonderful punch!

Please visit our website at www.buryfriendlyorchestra.onesuffolk.net

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!”

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Korngold – Theme and Variations

Erich Wolfgang Korngold (May 29, 1897 – November 29, 1957) was an Austrian-born composer and conductor. A child prodigy, he became one of the most important and influential composers in the history of Hollywood. He was a noted pianist and composer of classical music, along with music for Hollywood films, and the first composer of international stature to write Hollywood scores.

A Christmas Celebration – Bryan Kelly

Bryan Kelly (born 1934) is a composer whose compositions include evening canticles in C and A flat for Church of England evensong. His Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C incorporate Latin American rhythms. His orchestral works include the *Cuban Suite*, the *New Orleans Suite*, an overture *Provence, Divertissement*, two Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra commissions - the overture *Sancho Panza* (1969) and *Sinfonia Concertante* (1967) - and the *Caliban and Ariel* suite for double bass. He has also written the *Whodunnit Suite* for Trumpet and Piano which includes pieces of the titles: Poirot (Detective), Lavinia Lurex (Actress), Colonel Glib (Retired), Miss Slight (Spinster of This Parish), The Chief Suspect, and The Chase.

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 *Away in a Manger*

Verse 1 Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

Verse 2 The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh

Verse 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven
To live with thee there

Song 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
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

Verse 4 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