



Peterborough Flute Choir

NEWSLETTER

November 2023

PFC at the end of our concert at the Parish Church of Wisbech St Mary's

Concert or cake - I'll have both

Concert and cake is perhaps the most perfect marriage of our favourite things.

The Wisbech St Mary's Women's Institute had done a massive amount of organising in the background to make our second concert at the Parish Church a resounding success.

There was no problem that couldn't be met with a quick dash to the back of the church to find a makeshift podium for our height-challenged leader, or a zip home to fetch some extra lights.

Audience favourites from the night were The Dargason, the Cantique de Jean Racine and the Beer Barrel Polka.

A successful summer

We had a wonderfully busy summer starting with the schools workshop at Weston and Whaplode, which you can read all about on the next page.

The annual, fabulous cream tea in aid of the Marafiki Trust announced the beginning of July, and we were proud to help raise over £350 for this wonderful charity.

It was an absolute pleasure to provide some musical garnishing for Oundle Horticultural Society's landmark 100th anniversary event.

Some of the ensemble have already started planning and practising for next year's produce, cake and photography classes!

We rounded the summer off as the closing event to the Oundle Fringe, held at The Talbot Inn, where we were staggered by the punters' generosity.

We even managed to fit in a summer social for the ensemble by staying there for a meal afterwards.

Come and see us play:

March Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter's Church
1100am-1230 pm, 9 December 2023

Charity play, Serpentine Green Shopping Centre
1100am-1300 pm, 17 December 2023



A-Whaploding and a- Westoning we will go...

At the end of June, PFC made a visit to two small village primary schools.

In two 45-minute sessions, pupils across the whole of Whaplode CE Primary were introduced to the flute family; listening to a variety of pieces from different genres and joining in with some body percussion. This was their first live music visit for some time and after a cautious start (and with much encouragement from Charlie) they joined in enthusiastically.

Our first visit to Weston was back in February 2020. As this was a return trip, we had something different planned. With their teacher (and PFC member) Kimberley Jacob, pupils in each class had prepared a piece to play with the flute choir in the preceding weeks. The youngest pupils joined in with Pat-a-pan and the Pink Panther theme using their bodies to create a variety of percussion sounds. Pupils were rhythmical and enthusiastic. Pupils in year 3 and 4 have learnt to read music playing the glockenspiel this year and so prepared Row, row, row your boat. This was played as a round in 2 parts with the flute choir supporting.

Inspired by their first visit from flute choir, the oldest pupils have been learning the fife and performed the James Bond theme with the choir.



On the concert afternoon, PFC worked with each class for around 20 minutes, perfecting their chosen pieces before heading to the village hall. As well as their joint pieces with the flute choir, pupils performed their favourite songs from across the year to an audience of family and friends. Flute choir got to show off a little too (Mrs Jacob made sure of that!).

The whole day was a fantastic success enjoyed by all; a lovely reminder of the power of live music. It is part of PFC's mission statement to introduce young people to the beauty of the flute family, instrumental music as a whole and the joy of live performance.

The pupils talked about the day often in the last few weeks of term. It is definitely something the flute choir hope to continue doing in the future.

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