

## Musical Director's Report – June 2019

Thank you for everything!

I have so enjoyed working with Brockham Choral Society on some really fantastic programmes and with really fantastic people. I'd like to start by thanking our fantastic committee members who run such a tight ship and putting up with my funny ways.

Our first concert this year, Britten's Saint Nicholas proved a perfect step up from last years Durulfe and I think you rose to the occasion. I was happy with our soloists and string ensemble in the ever reliable British Sinonietta. But for me, the stand out singing and energy came from the Farnham Youth Choir Junior Choir who sang so well. It was wonderful to have my two choirs together singing so beautifully. Well done

Next was the Dvorak, which proved an awful lot of music to learn but with such wonderful music to sing and enjoy you sang it with great heart and gusto. I could really hear that you as a choir enjoyed singing this work, which led to a fantastic performance. This was a concert I will always cherish.

Lastly, we finished the year with a joyous trip around the world. The programme proved rather challenging for me to put together but with the help of the music selection committee we got there and found quite a nice varied programme. It was lovely to work with the school choir again this year who sang so well under the fantastic tutelage of Claire Robins . An opportunity to be savoured and maintained into the future. A big thanks to Tony for stepping in for Fred last minute and we were very sad not to have Fred with us this time.

Into the future – focus heavily on young recruitment.

I'd just like to finish by reminding everyone of how lucky you are to have Marian playing for you. I was so thankful to have her talent and person beside me each week and don't take it for granted.

You're all wonderful people and it was a total honour to get to know you over the past three years.

Here's to a fantastic future with the brilliant Cole Bendall.

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