

12/12/09 Somerset SRP Christmas Meeting
An informal 'home grown conductors' afternoon at Ruishton.
17 people attended.
Festive Tea in the middle of the afternoon.

Conductor: Mary Green

1. Christmas Chorales by Bach

Played a selection of these, and struggled successfully with 4#s under Mary's patient direction.

2. Away in a Manger by Kirkpatrick, arr David Silk

Beautiful harmonies augmented by a geriatric music stand (>60y) with a mind of it's own!

3. White Christmas by Irving Berlin

An old favourite with an excellent solo by Sheila. Oh the accidentals!

4. The Cradle (Pavan) by Anthony Holborne, arr Edgar Hunt

Lovely!

Conductor: Sheila Clement

1. Fantasy Sextet by William Byrd

Early music with weaving parts answering each other.

2. Mock Baroque by JD Carey

An amusing foot-tapping take on baroque dances:

Tango Baroquita, Baroque Shoe Shuffle and Baroque and Roll.

Conductor: Jane Burdock

1. Break forth O beautiful heavenly light by Bach, arr Douglas Gurr

2. Within yon gloomy manger b Bach, arr Douglas Gurr

Both gentle and soothing.

3. The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas to you) by Mel Thorne and Robert Wells

Milking triplets and pregnant pauses!

4. I saw three ships, English Trad.

A round with ostinato bass - what a fun piece to finish.

Written by Jane Hadwell.