

Annual Area Festival – Choral Evensong & Presentation of Awards
Saturday 31st January
St. Nicolas Parish Church-Nuneaton
11.00am-5.00pm Evensong at 4.00pm

Following the success of last year's Festival conducted by Katherine Dienes at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, Ruairaidh Sutherland – Assistant Director of Music at St. Mary's Warwick welcomed 76 singers from around the Area for an enjoyable day of training and rehearsal, culminating in a Service of Choral Evensong. The music included canticles by Brewer in D and the anthem - 'There shall a star' by Mendelssohn. Tim Campain was the Organist and the RSCM Awards' Certificates were presented by Peter Isherwood-Area Chairman.

Further details of the 2010 Festival from Alan Baker
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'Choir Snapshots' – An illustrated talk
Thursday 30th April 2009
Warwick Road URC, Coventry
7.30-9.30pm
£7 per person (includes refreshments)

An illustrated talk by Colin Brownlee entitled 'Choir Snapshots ... 100 years of recorded English Church Music' and the snapshots refer both to the photographic and sound snapshots. Two or three snapshots are used to represent each decade from the very first recording in 1908 up to the present day.

The musical extracts are usually from rare private recordings, or from interesting or landmark commercial recordings and many of the private recordings have not been heard since they were made. The presentation starts with the first ever recording of an English robed choir from 1908, being St Andrew's Church, Wells Street, in

London. Nearly every musical extract is accompanied on the screen with a photograph of the choir at the time of the recording. The presentation is both a rare visual and aural treat! Further details from Area Secretary: Jennifer Ball tel. 07831 406629
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"Meet the new RSCM Director" – Lindsay Gray
Monday 28th September 2009
St. Barbara's Church, Earlsdon, Coventry
7.30 – 9.30pm
RSCM members-£5, Non-members-£6

Lindsay Gray, who succeeded John Harper as RSCM Director in May 2008, is very keen to meet with as many Friends, Members, Clergy, choir members, worship group members and all interested in church music generally. There will be an opportunity for discussion as well as discovering more of the Director's vision for the future of the RSCM. There will be light refreshments included.

'Voice For Life' – Towards Bronze & Silver Awards
10th October 2009
St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby
11.00am – 5.00pm

Thomas Corns - Director of Music at St. Mary's Warwick welcomes choristers aged between 8 and 15 at all stages of their training and achievement for an intensive day of singing. All music will be loaned for the course and there will be refreshments at the end!... The afternoon will conclude with a short Service in Church to which parents, friends and Choirtrainers are very welcome. For further details contact Alan Baker on 01926 493022
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Bronze & Silver Awards – 2009 onwards

The Bronze and Silver Awards are open to candidates of all ages who are members of affiliated choirs or individual members of the RSCM. The closing dates for the Area (Bronze & Silver) Awards exams is 31st May for June session and 31st October for November session. Syllabus and Application forms on Area page of www.rscm.com

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