

Hi Gilly,

As ever a big thank you from Old Low Light. It is not often I get the chance to enjoy one of our events, but I thoroughly enjoyed yesterday's carol service. I'm quite sure I wasn't alone in that. The Latin carol in particular gave me goose-bumps. I attended a Catholic high school, but 'Gaudete' was not one I remember us singing. Indeed I don't actually recall hearing it before at all. All of the carols were delightful to listen, but Rejoice was quite beautiful.

The weather might not have been as organised as the met office promised yesterday, but from an audience member's perspective – the choir seemed to run like clock-work. The rapid relocation from outside to indoors worked well. That has to be the largest group of people we've had on the top floor. I'm not sure where the audience appeared from. It looked like around half a dozen people outside, but then fifty or so inside. A fantastic turn out for a Sunday afternoon. Especially one so near to Christmas, with a Newcastle game on at home. I only mention that as I saw one of our regulars who had agreed to come with his wife to the carols, was complaining loudly on his arrival that he was missing the football. As he was leaving however I heard him say he had indeed enjoyed himself.

In black and white, you can easily see the impact of the choir on our finances for yesterday. An average Sunday in December would be around £250 of takings. One this close to Christmas might be lower given people shopping, and a Christmas market on in the centre of shields. However yesterday we took £578.55. So more than double our standard takings! That really is down to you and the hard work of your choir, so again a massive thank you for that. Please will you pass on my thanks to the Whitley Women as a whole? Not just for yesterday but for everything this year. The work you have done with us has really made 2019 special.
Kind Regards,

Guy.

Guy Moody