

Nailsea History Society : Driving Cold Winter Away: a programme of tunes, carols ,words and village band west country jollity for the Christmas and Winter season- with a little help from Thomas Hardy

Final playlist / cues: I will ask audience to save applause until end !

Welcome : Liz

Band: Here we come a wassailing : x 4 . Intro. Chords . NB brass quintet at iii)

1 The Village Band in the Gallery

Liz / Link

Band: *Hark Shepherds x3 . Intro: Fiddles*

Link/Liz

Behaviour of some band members in church starring Colin / Lyn / Gill (wait /watch you don't talk over each other).

Link : Liz cuts the moans

Liz/ Link

Village band had a secular repertoire.... *'what is most important is a 'feeling of proximity, friendliness, commonality and informality'*

Band: *'To Drive the Cold Winter away x4 ; Intro: Fiddles*

Fairy Dance x3; Intro ; Boxes v) 1,2,4

Bonfire Tune ; x3 Fiddles FK last 4 bars. Roland / spoons

2 DECEMBER Colin / Lyn

3 Christmas music / carols and tunes - sacred repertoire

Singers: the Ploughboys Dream : 2 verses; unaccompanied

Band with audience participation : Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
with audience v. 1; last ('oh holy child'.. Liz counts 123 .Intro: Fiddles
NB Chords between verses

Band: Ding Dong Merrily on High x3: BE ALERT TO SUDDEN START .**No** intro:
Tune I. Boxes: 2. Wind: Fiddles . Roland counts

Reading : Gill: Carolling

Singers: Holly and the Ivy Trad English; Sound your instruments of Joy

4. The demise of the village band

Link/ Liz/ John M

Absentmindedness in a Parish Choir

During next paragraph BVB mimes falling asleep

Roland *'Let us stand and sing No 69*

The band wakes up ... the church is dark ... they're not quite certain where they are, noises of bleary consternation

Liz counts in: *'A-one, a two, a 123,4 '*

BAND: *Devil Among the Tailors x 8 bars – STRAIGHT IN -with great gusto before realising their terrible mistake.*

Liz ; STOP . STOP

Roland : end... much more biddable

5. Christmas music /dancing

Band : *Fred Pigeon's Triumph x3: Intro. Brass.*

New Rigged Ship (x4) Intro: Clarinet

*Enrico x3 Intro: Boxes . V 1.2.4 Three short notes at end . BRISK !
(This may be cut)*

6. Lord of Misrule -Briggy. Bells

Band : *We 3 Kings: Briggy intro: plus 8 bars. Mary tbc or fiddles : 8 bars .
Briggy exit : once through*

Band : *Whimpe Wassail x4: Intro : chords , drone - maybe cut*

Band ; Singers; Audience: *Bells Sweetr Chiming Christmas Bells :*

Liz counts : *Intro: interlude : verse; chorus with repeat; interlude; all verses .
Band -join in and sing the chorus if you can !*

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