

## **Llanfair Singers – EAST MEETS WEST**

On Friday, 18 November 2011, Llanfair Singers travelled to Sudbury in Suffolk on their first singing away-weekend.

Llanfair Singers were hosted by Stour Valley Singers and following a delicious 'getting-to-know-you' supper on Friday evening, Saturday was firstly spent enjoying this beautiful Constable country, visiting such places as St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, Lavenham and Long Melford, before joining together for rehearsals in the afternoon in preparation for a charity concert in the evening.

Both choirs sang together to open the concert with Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine', then divided to sing a selection from their own repertoires, concluding the concert with a combined and rousing performance of 'Zadok the Priest', by Handel. The conductor for the evening for both choirs was Graham Trew and the accompanists were David Butcher and Richard Lewis. A delicious finger-buffet supper, with suitable liquid refreshment, followed the concert.

Funds from the concert sales have gone to 'Compassion', which is a local charity bringing together a number of agencies, which includes the Community Safety Partnership, to support as effectively as possible the needs of those experiencing domestic abuse. The charity's aim is to promote a multi-agency partnership approach to develop and promote good practice to make domestic abuse legally, socially, morally and culturally unacceptable.

The following morning members relaxed, or walked, or undertook more visiting, with everyone meeting at The Bull Hotel in Long Melford to enjoy a leisurely lunch before many thanks and farewells were said prior to Llanfair Singers leaving for home, with Stour Valley Choir members promising to visit us in the near future.

Jean Gardner Secretary Llanfair Singers