

The Marsh Warblers choir is based near Tenterden and sings sacred and secular music which amateur singers and instrumentalists performed in the Georgian period (ca.1720-1850). The choirs of country churches and chapels usually sang from a gallery at the west end of the building and the singing was accompanied by stringed and wind instruments. These included oboe, clarinet, bassoon, violin and 'cello, and possibly even a serpent. The musicians may have played for country dancing in their village as well, which gave their church music a lively and exciting quality. We also sing glees and patriotic songs of the period which were performed in Catch and Glee clubs.

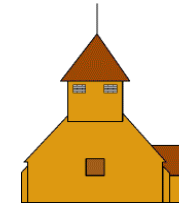


Our Christmas programme is based on the exploits of the Melstock Quire as related in Thomas Hardy's novel, "Under the Greenwood Tree" and includes many carols found in manuscript books used by the old church quires in the West Country, some of which belonged to the Hardy family.

Rehearsals at Sandhurst Baptist Church, Rye Road.
New singers and instrumentalists welcome.
For more details:
Visit our website: www.thewarblers.org.uk
(or search for "Marsh Warblers")



The Friends of St.Mary's, Rolvenden
present



The MARSH
WARBLERS
A West Gallery Quire

“Going the Rounds”

Gallery Carols and Readings
from Thomas Hardy's
“Under the Greenwood Tree”



7:30pm, Saturday, 1st December, 2018

Tickets: Adults £10

from “Linklaters” or On the Door
(Interval Nibbles included : Cash Bar)