

Our partnership with Hertford Art Society

We had a lovely evening recently when HAS came to sketch HCS at rehearsal. Some of the many lovely results are on display this evening around the church, so please do have a look!



We were delighted to discover Hertford's new Mayor, [Linda Radford](#), among their number and took the opportunity to ask her about painting and what she thought of coming to sketch HCS.

Linda tells us that she enjoys painting things that don't move most of all (*no, no... see her comments on HCS below... Ed!*). Landscapes in watercolour are a favourite and with so much picturesque scenery in and around Hertford there's shortage of material. She painted when young, but largely stopped until given a box of watercolours for Christmas 10 years ago; that was a renaissance for her. She joined Hertford Art Society and from the outset was made to feel welcome and now has many friends there. She has since been encouraged to try other materials– including print making.

And what about painting HCS ...?!

Linda says it was a lovely experience coming to sketch choir members in rehearsal. She wasn't sure what she would produce because life drawing is probably her least favourite subject, particularly moving life! She decided to use pastels and tried to sketch particular figures for a short while... but then the music began to captivate her and so she chose a pattern of heads in a particular group and worked on those. After a short while she found herself totally immersed in the sweet music so that she wasn't looking at the singers any more, she was just drawing as the music took her.



Linda says she would like to leave her work loose to express an emotion rather than be a faithful photographic record.

[Trevor Chamberlain](#) has also kindly agreed that we can reproduce his marvellous rehearsal painting of Derek Harrison and our brilliant accompanist Sue Graham Smith – both in action!



And Margo Ward tells us that this year the HAS Members' Show will be held at Cowbridge Halls, Cowbridge, Hertford. It will be the last weekend of October 2015