

DINTON CHURCH CHOIR by Pam Jeffrey

I first joined the choir in the 1950's. Nicholas Jackson was the choirmaster, a godson of Major Landsberg who lived at Westlington House. After Nicholas we had Roger Burch, who came to us from St Mary's Church, Aylesbury. The Rev. R.A. Crawley Boevey at the time was the vicar of Cuddington and Dinton.

Roger really used to put us through our paces, and through him we joined the Royal School of Music. Taking part in the music festivals in Aylesbury, and singing in other parish churches. One of the special moments was singing at Kings College, Cambridge, a wonderful experience. Whilst looking round Cambridge I found the pattern for my wedding dress, the wedding took place in 1959. The choir sang for us at our wedding in Dinton Church. We would go around the village carol singing, mostly ending up at the Bottle and Glass. At one time singing for Sir and Lady Currie at Dinton Hall.

Members of the choir being Jack Gregory, Jack Cowley, Tom Brandon and Mr Cranmer,
The ladies - Gladys Jeffrey, Gladys Brandon, Mrs Green, wife of the headmaster at Dinton School.

As the ladies did not robe, Easter was a good time for a new hat.

We were affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, below is a photo of the badge we were presented with.

