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Young Choristers Sing Praise of Lifesavers

The Imps Choristers at Ely Cathedral were visited by some Magpas lifesavers recently during a rehearsal for the Christmas Concert that will raise thousands of pounds for the charity.



(left to right) Jacqueline Whipp and Maureen and Robert Negus from Magpas and Bill Rind, President of Soham Staploe Rotary Club... with lots of Imps in the background!

Two of the Magpas lifesavers who visited are to be awarded top life-saving honours for bringing a Soham woman back from the brink of death.

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Robert and Maureen Negus are each to receive Royal Humane Society resuscitation certificates for their life and death struggle early on the morning of 20 June this year.

The incident happened after Fiona Ross of Orchard Row, Soham, collapsed and her heart stopped beating. The Neguses were first on the scene. They immediately began cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and then used the automatic defibrillator that all Magpas Community First Responders carry with them to administer a single shock. They then continued CPR until the ambulance arrived. Fiona went on to hospital where she later made a full recovery.

The local heroes met the Imps Choristers who will be performing at the concert in aid of Magpas on 22nd December. Also present was the group co-ordinator and Magpas Trustee, Jacqueline Whipp, and Bill Rind, the president of the Soham Staploe Rotary Club which co-organises the event with the team at the Cathedral.

Mrs Whipp said, "We are all very proud of Robert and Maureen and, of course, all of our wonderful volunteers. They make a real difference to people's lives as this case has shown. I am sure the Cathedral will be packed on Monday 22nd when everyone locally will come to enjoy a wonderful evening's entertainment and support their local lifesaving charity at the same time."

Magpas also won the personal praise of Dick Wilkinson, secretary of the Royal Humane Society. Speaking at the Society's headquarters in London when he announced the awards he said, "This incident brings home the value of rapid response in emergencies.

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“But for the swift action that was taken and the knowledge of expertise of the Neguses in life-saving techniques the woman in this incident could have died. These awards are richly deserved.”

The Christmas Cathedral Concert will take place at Ely Cathedral on Monday 22nd December. Proceeds will go to Magpas. Special guests on the evening will be the City of Cambridge Brass Band.

For tickets call the Ely Cathedral Box Office on 01353 660 349.

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