

Countdown to Stadium Carols

Each context is different with its own culture, traditions and systems but these are some issues to bear in mind when planning your particular stadium carol service...



*in our villages,
towns and cities*

June

- Fixture list for upcoming season is out in June.
- Contact club with potential dates – tie in with club events.
- Begin discussions with any partners – charities, council, churches etc.
- Book the local Salvation Army band
- Book a Bishop or significant local church leader

July / August

- Draw up list of churches, schools and organisations to be involved in your local Stadium Carol event

September

- Arrange time to meet local clergy and ministers re possibilities
- Draw up publicity plan – posters, leaflets, press release for papers, radio, local free magazines
- Visit local schools around the ground
- Begin to plan the service and key aspects – Carols, Prayers, Presentations, Talk (has to be short eg 5 mins),
- Sort out PA requirements – book up if necessary

October

- Clarify posters and leaflets – get more than you think you need.
- See manager about readings and 3-line whip!
- Contact churches again

November

- Plan programme article for club (HOPE will supply some words and pictures)
- Check re. order of service and participants
- Distribute leaflets, posters and press release to radio, papers, and churches.
- Remind manager re. players at Carols

December

- Check re. final details and run.....

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