

**May
2017**

Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir

Diary Dates

- 6th May Annual Dinner
Morley Hayes Golf Club
- 8th May AGM
St Mary's Wharf
- 15th May Extra Rehearsal
- 16th May Attestation
Evening, Butterley Hall
- 22nd May Extra Rehearsal
- 24th May Meeting!!
Butterley Hall



Lucky Numbers April winners

- 3rd Len Briddon
- 10th M Richardson
- 17th Bank Holiday
- 24th Dave Carver



This season so far,
we've helped to raise

£9400

Performing charity concerts in Derbyshire since 1956

Annual Concert at St Osmund's



Saturday 29th April marked the final "official" concert in this year's programme and we were delighted to share the evening with our good friends the Sherwin singers. Held at St Osmund's Church, Wilmorton—as the building offers such wonderful acoustics for choral singing — it was very pleasing to be able to sing in front of such a sizeable audience. As usual choristers stepped up to the plate and delivered an excellent performance which was enjoyed by all including the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Derby, John and Juliette Whitby; local city Councillor John Evans; chairman of Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre, Bill Tomlinson; and Fundraising Manager for DCHC, David Harrison and his wife Anne. We were also delighted to be supported by local police officers Sergeant Graham Young, PCSO Steph Holt and PCSO Jim Sadler who greeted the audience upon their arrival. The Sherwin singers performed seven songs during the evening which provided musical variety and a feminine touch to the evening. Whilst delighted with the high quality of the evening's performance it should be of little surprise as the choir has delivered a consistently good offering throughout the season. Well done gentlemen!



Interested in joining the choir?

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Images from the Annual Concert at St Osmund's

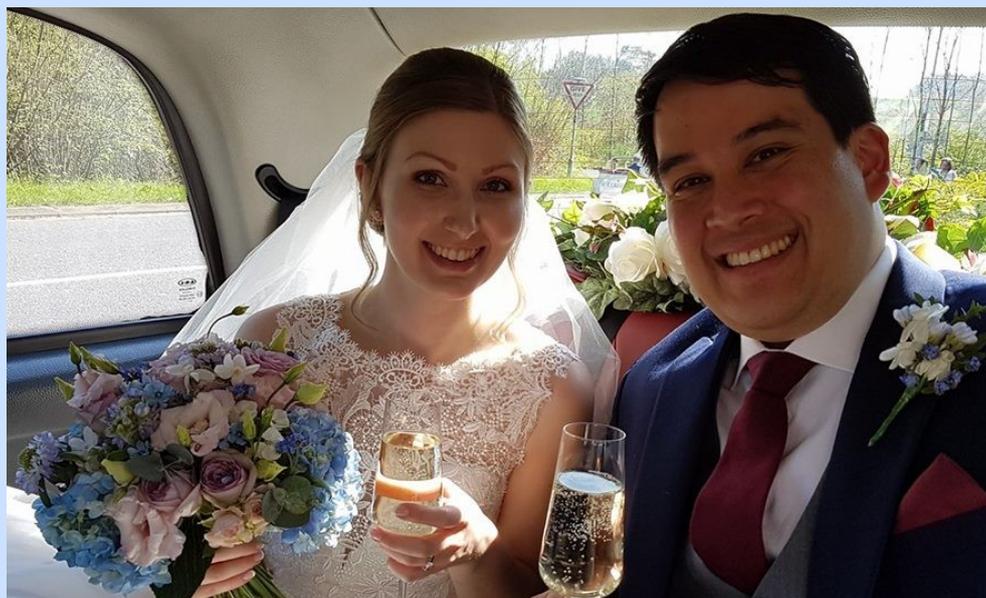


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Ding dong the bells are going to chime !!

Congratulations to Marc and Kirsty Vastenavondt who were married on Saturday, 8th April and enjoyed the following couple of weeks on honeymoon in Japan. Marc has been a very welcome addition to our top tenor section of the choir sharing with us his experience of singing professionally in West End musicals. DCMVC wish you both good fortune and a long and fruitful married life together.



Lamb of God spotted in audience ?



Perhaps not everyone in the audience appreciated our rendition of "All in the April evening" which refers to weary, crying lambs going meekly to die. **Chris Lamb** who is a past member of the choir has recently returned to live in Derbyshire and attended the annual concert at St Osmund's. Chris was both astounded and delighted by the high level of performance the choir is now achieving under the musical direction of Chris Hare. Chris is very keen to re-join the choir and looks forward to settling in to the Baritone section in September.

From the archive...

On a recent visit to Jim and Judy Noble, Jim offered up a photograph from earlier times of himself with three fellow baritones taken following a concert. One of the other baritones is instantly recognisable to most of us but how many current choristers can name the other two singers?



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Thank you

Like me, I am sure that everyone involved in performing at our annual concert this year experienced a tremendous buzz from the audience feedback that our performance received. We shouldn't be surprised by this. Under Chris Hare's direction, the quality of our singing continues to improve and this year we have been consistently good throughout the season.

The success of the annual concert, and all our other events, also relies on a good deal of planning and preparation by a wide range of people. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the hard work that went into the annual concert, from selling tickets, arranging chairs, serving drinks to clearing up at the end of the evening when others may have already left. Our success this year has been a team effort and I am grateful to you all for your contribution.

We are also indebted to our wives, husbands and partners for the tremendous support they continue to provide the choir. This was clearly evident at the annual concert and I would ask that you pass on our thanks to them all.



They think it's all over..... Not quite !!!!

April has been a disjointed period for the choir with many of our regular Monday evening rehearsals being cancelled because of Bank Holidays. As a result of this some choristers may be unsure about outstanding commitments

Whilst we may have completed our official concert programme there remain two important events which require your attention and support. They are the Attestation evening and "Special celebration" which will both take place at Butterley Hall. To prepare our music for the for the second event will require two more rehearsals so please try to commit to the timetable outlined below

Monday	8th May	Annual General Meeting	St Mary's Wharf
Monday	15th May	Additional Rehearsal	St Mary's Wharf
Tuesday 1	6th May	Attestation Evening	Butterley Hall
Monday	22nd May	Additional Rehearsal	St Mary's Wharf
Wednesday	24th May	Special celebration	Butterley Hall

Please make every effort to attend each of the above dates so that we can maintain the consistency and quality of our performance throughout the season

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