



Choir News

July 2019



Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir



Rotary 3 choir concert supports 3 charities

And so the end of our inaugural season as the newly named Derbyshire Community MVC came to an end on Friday 21st June. And what a superb finale it proved to be!

Organised by the Rotary Club of Derby we were delighted to join two other local choirs in the beautiful setting of Saint Mary's Catholic Church on Bridge Gate, Derby. The Pugin designed building is a beautiful sight to behold and provided a wonderful acoustic backdrop which brought the best out of all three choirs.

DCMVC had the honour of performing first and set the standard for the evening with a set of 10 songs. Highlights of the set included an acapella version of Steal Away, a brilliant delivery of "Bring him home" and a well received rendition of "Sound of Silence". Our performance received wide applause and the quality of our performance surprised some who had never heard us in concert before. The set represented a move to a more contemporary style of music which has been a deliberate move on our part. We did however complete the set with a traditional Welsh hymn - Rachie - which again allowed us to demonstrate our choral versatility. The energy and enthusiasm of our Musical Director,

Diary Dates

- 2 Sep AGM
- 9 Sep Rehearsals resume
- 4 Oct St Osmund's
- 18 Oct Rolls Royce



This season so far, we've helped to raise **£11530**

Lucky Numbers

- 3 June Eric Singleton
- 10 June Tony Davenport
- 17 June David Bott

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Chris Hare, was recognised by many within the audience and members of the other choirs,

Derventio choir based in Allestree and directed by the talented Lynne Lee performed the middle section of the concert which bridged the interval. Lynne had chosen an eclectic mix of songs which included traditional folk, sacred music and songs from the shows. Derventio completed their set with their debut performance of the Beach Boys' Good Vibrations which received rousing applause.

The Dalesmen based in Belper and directed by Paul Marshall completed the third set of the evening. Paul, who teaches singing at Derby High School and Derby Grammar School has clearly moulded his choir members into a highly competent unit and the audience were treated to Anthem, I write the songs, What would I do without my music and The Rose. The set also included traditional MVC pieces such as Gwahoddiad and Christus Salvator

Throughout the evening, the audience were guided by Rotarian, John Beswarwick, who kept a firm hand on



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the rudder throughout the concert. To conclude the evening both Male Voice Choirs came together to sing Llanfair, conducted by Paul, and American Trilogy conducted by Chris.

Rotary President John Cartmell came forward to thank all involved for a delightful concert before Derventio choir delivered a triumphant finale to the evening.

Obscured from view by the massed male choirs and singing from deep within the Sanctuary of the Church; the melodic lilt of an "Irish Blessing" brought the evening to a fitting conclusion.

The concert proved a huge success both musically and financially. Over £2500 was raised which will be shared between three very worthy charities; Rotary's End Polio Now Campaign; Treetops Hospice and Derby Deanery's Refugee Rehousing Project.

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Provisional programme of events for 19/20 released

A provisional list of dates for the choir's 19/20 season has been released to enable choir members to plan ahead for next season. A small number of dates still require confirmation particularly around the Christmas period.

The programme includes a day for recording the choir's first CD since our change of name. There is also a planned weekend away to sing with choirs in Denbigh and Flint. Two joint concerts with school choirs will undoubtedly prove enjoyable as will joint concerts with Mansfield MVC and the Belper based Dalesmen choir.

Throughout the season we will be supporting a local charity which is yet to be decided and the season will end with our Annual Dinner to be held at Mickleover Golf Club at the end of June.

Choir Events 2019 / 2020

Mon 2 nd Sep	Choir AGM
Mon 9 th Sep	Rehearsals resume
Fri 4 th Oct	St Osmunds, London Rd
Fri 18 th Oct	Rolls Royce 60th Concert
Fri 25 th Oct	Belper Toy Library
Sat 9 th Nov	NW Choir Festival
Fri 22 nd Nov	Methodist Live at Home
Sat 30 th Nov	carol singing in city centre
Fri 6 th Dec	Joint concert Asterdale school choir
Sat 7 th Dec	carol singing in city centre
Sat 14 th Dec	carol singing in city centre
TBC	DHU Christmas event
TBC	Mark Davidson Christmas Event
TBC	Radio Derby
Fri 20 th Dec	Castle Donington
Sat 21 st Dec	carol singing in city centre
Fri 10 th Jan	Leylands Estate
24 th / 25 th Jan	To be confirmed
Fri 7 th Feb	St Swithun's, Belper
Sat 22 nd Feb	CD Recording All Day 8am - 6 pm
Sat 29 th Feb	Matlock Methodist
Fri 13 th Mar	Joint concert Holymoorside school
Sat 28 th Mar	Concert for Umbrella
Fri 3 rd Apr	St Michael's, Alvaston
17 th - 19 th Apr	Chester and North East Wales Tour
Fri 1 st May	Joint Concert Derby Deanery Choir
Sat 9 th May	Annual Concert
Fri 22 nd May	Joint concert with Mansfield MVC
5 th / 6 th Jun	Joint concert with the Dalesmen
Sat 20 th Jun	Furthest from the sea Festival
Sat 27 th Jun	Annual Dinner





A first season full of highlights

“From our first concert at Bakewell in October 2018, the consistency of our performance has been one of the biggest highlights for me this season” commented choir chairman, Kevin Griffiths. “It has also been a season where we have performed with many other male choirs and we have been able to benchmark ourselves. We should be confident in our ability and I hope we can continue to improve over the next few seasons. Performance aside, we’ve had a lot of fun together. To have been involved in so many events within the local community and help raise around £11,500 is something we should all be proud of.

3 f Geoff’s on Ball for first concert

New member of the choir, Geoff Ball, joined us for his first concert performance on Friday 21st June. Despite being full of cold and feeling rather nervous, Geoff threw himself into the event and contributed positively to a hugely successful evening.

Bass singer Geoff has quickly immersed himself in choir life, attending every rehearsal since he joined us earlier this year. We’re delighted that Geoff is enjoying his time with DCMVC and we wish him a long and happy career as part of our singing community



Baritones “bottle it yet again !!!!

The absence of baritones was noted on Thursday 20th June when members of the choir assisted the Rotary Club of Derby to assemble an Eco Greenhouse at Springfield Primary in Spondon. “They can’t find their way around a music score”, quipped on of the tenors present. “they would never have found their way here”. Bass singers, Benny and Bjorn added “having listened to them sing we should know they’re always late; probably get here this afternoon when we’ve finished.



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