

**December
2018**

Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir

Diary Dates

6th Dec Nag's Head
9th Dec City Carols
9th Dec Stretton CHICKS
16th Dec City Carols
18th Dec Police & Fire
Carol Service
20th Dec Shelton Lock
Carols
13th Jan Oddfellows
19th Jan Breadsall
26th Jan Aspen Court



Lucky Numbers November winners

6th Eric Singleton
13th Peter Bradley
20th Tom Fleming
27th Brian Norris

This season so far,
we've helped to raise

£2020

Performing charity concerts in Derbyshire since 1956
Titanic performance for Titan Trust



On Friday 10th November the choir were delighted to join "Little Voices" school choir in concert at the Robert Ludlam Theatre on Duffield Road, Derby. Performing to raise funds for the Duffield based Titan Children's Trust the choir delivered a rousing performance which was warmly received by the sizeable audience. The feedback was so positive from one section of the audience who were whooping and screaming that at one point in the evening we thought they had mistaken us for a "boy band". Performing within a proper theatre environment under the spotlights seemed to bring the best out of the choir and we delivered an excellent performance throughout the evening. The delivery of the "Bold Gendarmes" by John and Chris was particularly noteworthy and drew much laughter for their comic antics. The Titan Trust have set themselves an ambitious target to raise £1million over the next ten years to provide disadvantaged children with recreational and leisure time activities designed to improve their conditions and opportunity in life. **Editor's Note:** The reference to Titanic in the title of this article refers to the impressive magnitude of the performance of the choir during the concert. No comparison should be made with the disastrous maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic which crashed and sank in icy waters on 15th April 1912.



New boy sings first solo

Having previously performed with Melbourne MVC, Ian Lilley joined the constabulary choir in October 1982. For the past 35 years he has been a key member of our first tenor section and has attended hundreds of concerts and events throughout this time. Amazingly he had never performed a solo piece until recently when he was encouraged to sing "Bright Eyes" from the film Watership Down. Now that he has broken his duck we look forward to many more renditions from Ian.

Interested in joining the choir?

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Special Branch help Len settle in at Landamere



Special Branch undertook their second assignment of the season with a concert at Landamere Care Home in Sinfin on Friday 17th November. We continued our approach of encouraging members to perform individually and on this occasion the audience enjoyed solos by Peter Bradley, Dave Carver, Ellis Pugh, Tom Fleming and Ian Lilley (see article on front page). There were also three duets from Brian and Frank, Dave and Kevin; and Brian and Kevin along with a tremendous piano duet by Ann and Louise. The choir members were particularly keen to put on a good performance as this was the first time that baritone, Len Briddon, had visited his "new home". As we began to sing Len quickly settled down in one of the comfy armchairs amongst the other residents and was soon engaged in conversation with a new friend. All the choir noticed how much Len enjoyed a cup of cocoa and biscuits when staff served supper and he was also asked by one of the staff whether he had taken his medication when the drugs trolley was wheeled in. By the end of the performance Len appeared to have settled in nicely and we all hope he enjoys the rest of his stay!!!



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July
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Dubious Coppers *Male Voice Choir*

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Lucky Numbers November winners

6th Reg Kray
13th Ronnie Biggs
20th Dick Turpin
27th Fred West

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£1679

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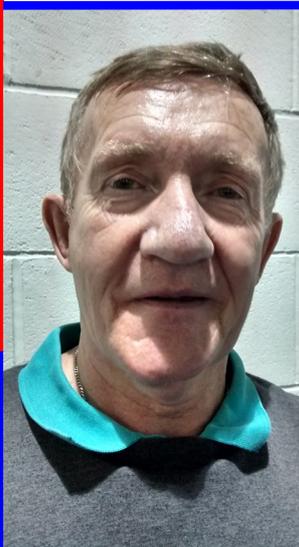
Choir considers a change of name



Life is a little bit like underwear - sometimes it needs changing. In recent weeks members of the choir have been pondering a name change whilst maintaining the 5 letter acronym DCMVC. Our 2018 newsletters might look like this with a new header and logo. Some suggestions for a new name are listed below. Can you come up with a better suggestion? Closing date for entries: 1st April 2018

<i>Derby County Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Derby Crooners Male Voice Choir</i>
<i>Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Dolce Canabile Male Voice Choir</i>
<i>Delightful Chords Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Dubious Chords Male Voice Choir</i>
<i>Derby City Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Derbyshire Chorale Male Voice Choir</i>
<i>Dynamic Chorus Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Dolce Capriccio Male Voice Choir</i>
<i>Derbyshire Comrades Male Voice Choir</i>	<i>Desperately Comical Male Voice Choir</i>

Welcome



We're delighted to welcome two prospective members who have joined us at rehearsal in recent weeks. Graham Hough who works at Sheffield University is a baritone and was introduced to the choir by Tom Fleming. Chris Ankers is an experienced tenor singer having gained much experience whilst singing with Stoke MVC. Chris is currently studying at Derby University.



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DOWN IN AFRICA

Encouraging Diversity

As a male voice choir not only do we suffer from the stigma of being male; but our membership is also entirely white European and we lack members from any other ethnic background. The good news is that we have been recently contacted by a Mr Robert Mugabe who is interested in joining us. He claims to do a very convincing version of Toto's "Africa"

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Joint performance with Pye Hill MVC



We were delighted to accept an invitation to share a concert with Pye Hill MVC at St. Andrew's Church, Swanwick on Friday 25th November. The two choirs served up a varied programme of music and joined together to sing the opening and final songs of the evening. Pictured above right are Chris Hare with concert organiser Wendy Butt and Christine Buxton and David Braithwait from Pye Hill MVC. Proceeds from the evening were equally shared between the choirs, church and Chenobyl Children's Lifeleine which provides much needed holidays for the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Pictured right are members of the choir before the beginning of tonight's concert.



Christmas carol singing



In recent years we have immersed ourselves in carol singing during the month of December. All monies raised from these sessions are donated to our nominated charity and we are already guaranteed a sum of £550 plus whatever collection we receive. It is important however that as many choir members as possible support this activity. Key dates are:

6th December	Nag's Head, Borrowash	6.30—8.00
9th December	Cornmarket, Derby	11.00—1.00
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20th December	Shelton Lock	6.30- 8.00

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