



Choir News

January
2020



Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir

Diary Dates

- 10 Jan Leylands
- 24 Jan Alferton MVC
- 7 Feb St Swithun Belper
- 22 Feb CD Recording
- 29 Feb Mtlock Methodist
- 13 Mar Walton Primary
- 28 Mar Umbrella Concert
- 3 Apr St Michael Alvaston
- 17 Apr Chester Trip
- 1 May Derby Deanery
- 9 May Annual Concert
- 22 May Mansfield MVC

This season so far,
we've helped to raise

£3547

Lucky Numbers

- 2 Dec Malcolm Richardson
- 9 Dec Mark Kohrs
- 16 Dec Chris Hare



Fun and enthusiasm at Asterdale

On Friday 6th December the choir shared a joint programme with the young people of Asterdale Primary School Choir. This was the first of two concerts we have planned this season and continues our ongoing aim to take choral music to all parts of our local communities making singing accessible to people of all ages. The school based in Spondon has formed a choir under the guidance of staff member Karen Williams. They performed a series of festive songs with great energy and enthusiasm and clearly enjoyed their performance opportunity. Following the concert Karen wrote to us saying "I just wanted to say a massive thanks for Friday night. It was absolutely brilliant and the kids all loved it. I have had so much good feedback, everyone was buzzing today. " If you are aware of a school choir or youth choir who would enjoy the opportunity of performing with an adult male choir then please get in touch with any member of the choir. Contact details can be found on our website www.dcmvchoir.com



Interested in joining the choir?

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The choir were delighted to entertain employees of DHU Healthcare at their Pride Park Headquarters on Tuesday 3rd December. DHU have provided superb sponsorship and financial support to the choir during 2019. Pictured (top left) sporting our new polo shirts are choir chairman Kevin Griffiths and baritone Ian Truby Ware who is Head of Clinical Care at DHU. Also pictured is DHU Chief Executive Stephen Bateman. Earlier in November, choir members had performed a flash mob song at employee engagement events in Derby, Chesterfield, Leicester and Kettering

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Peak
Shopping
VILLAGE

All aboard the Polar Express

Choristers took time out to enjoy all the attractions at the Peak Village Christmas Market on Sunday 8th December. In-between our carol singing we took a ride on the Polar Express and said hello to the little donkeys and Ebenezer Scrooge. It was worth all the effort to see the joy on their little faces



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Festive cheer at London Road Community Hospital

The early afternoon of Monday 9th December found a group of choristers on Ward 1 of the London Road Community Hospital. Assisted as ever by our accompanist Louise, we attempted to inject some seasonal cheer and merriment on to the ward with a series of Christmas carols and songs interspersed with a little fun and buffoonery. It was hard not to smile during our visit as the staff themselves were full of enthusiasm and good humour and clearly illustrated the great caring work that the NHS undertakes. Whilst we were there one or two of the choir received an "MOT" check up from the nursing staff and we are pleased to report that all are well and fighting fit for the busy Christmas season.

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Thirteen choristers sang carols at the Queen's Head on Sunday 15th December to complete Xmas Event No 7 of 11. Pub landlord, Jason, pictured below has been kind enough to sponsor the choir this season. We also rattled our collection bucket at the customers which helped to swell our charity fund by a further £67



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On Saturday 14th December choir members assembled in the St Peter's Quarter to sing carols and Christmas songs. We were joined by Doorways founder members Craig and Lisa Wheatley and a number of their colleagues. They were happy to rattle collection buckets at the passers by as we sang a selection of Christmas favourites. In addition to our fee for singing the collection raised a few pence short of £100. If we needed any reminder of why we are supporting Doorways Derby this year, one of the entertainment coordinators had been out with the charity earlier in the week. He noted that Doorways had fed and watered over sixty homeless people that night. Doorways are a very local charity whose members take no salary or pay for the work they undertake. Every penny that we raise this year will be gladly received and will help to support people less fortunate than ourselves who find themselves without homes in the City of Derby. Pictured above with choir members are Craig, Lisa and a couple of the charity collectors.



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JONTY FARMER



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On the ninth event of Christmas

What tremendous stamina and dedication is being exhibited by a core group of choristers who completed their ninth Christmas event on Monday 16th December at the Jonty Farmer. Bar manager Matt Smith made a donation on behalf of the pub which was supplemented by a collection from customers. Choristers serenaded those present with White Christmas, Silver Bells and a host of other Christmas songs whilst customers enjoyed a festive lunch.



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BBC Radio Derby

On Thursday 19th December choir members made an early start to the day with a live broadcast on BBC Radio Derby. A pre Christmas appearance on Ian Skye's Breakfast Show has become something of a tradition and this was our sixth consecutive visit. We sang a selection of Christmas songs and chatted with Ian about our plans for the new year and our nominated charity for this year: Doorways Derby.



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Christmas concert at St Edward : King and Martyr



The parish church of Castle Donington is dedicated to Saint Edward: King and Martyr. The Domesday Book makes mention of a priest at Castle Donington in 1086 and the present church dates from circa 1200. It is therefore somewhat remiss that it has taken over 800 years for the choir to undertake its first performance in the church on Friday 20th December. The Reverend Andrew Pace was a perfect host and the appreciative audience enjoyed a mix of Christmas songs and carols. The programme of songs included a piano duet with Anne and Louise playing Jingle Bells. Tenor, Kevin Griffiths sang an Alfred Burt composition entitled "Some children see him" and an octet from within the choir delivered a rendition of "O Holy Night". The evening was brought to a close with a joyous rendition of "O come all ye faithful" with ladies within the audience providing a wonderful descant. Proceeds from the evening will be shared between the choir's charity Doorways Derby and the fund to replace the church roof.

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CATHEDRAL QUARTER DERBY

The lunchtime of Saturday 21st December found the choir fulfilling their final commitment for 2019. Ten members sang carols on behalf of the Cathedral Quarter BID team and also undertook a session of singing adjacent to St. Peter's Church. Once again the weather was relatively mild for the time of year and a number of choristers discarded their woolly hats for this session. Combing the fee and collection the event raised just under £300 which is considerably more than many of our concerts so far this year. Unlike the previous evening the bells rang out with reckless abandon and added to the fun and frivolity of the occasion



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The 12 Events of Christmas



"a big thank you to you"

How appropriate that the Christmas related events that we undertook this year should have amounted to twelve events - a coincidence that was not lost on us; and we made much comparison with the twelve days of Christmas when reporting our activities on our social media pages.

This number of commitments was a very challenging project for a relatively small choir such as ours and it needed people who were prepared to go that extra mile - thankfully we have a number of choristers who match up to that. So when all the mutual backslapping and bonhomie settles down I would ask that we show our gratitude to those choristers who made this Christmas so successful for our charity fundraising. Both Len St John and Tony Davenport managed to attend all twelve events - a fantastic achievement.

There is another group who were not far behind Tony and Len; attending 11 out of the 12 events. This group included Dave Carver, Malcolm Richardson, Eric Singleton, Ken Barnes and Clive Titcombe. Others also chipped in and managed to attend the majority of events despite work, family, social and other commitments - yes we are all very busy at this time of year!!

It should not go unnoticed that these 12 events are likely to contribute about half of the target figure we would like to raise for our charity this year. Within this figure of approximately £2500; only £350 has been generated by formal concerts - those at Asterdale Primary and Castle Donington church. So whilst the formal concert may be enjoyable and provide the opportunity for solos and four part harmony, if we are serious about raising money for charity we need to be prepared to take advantage of the more mundane commercial opportunities available to us prior to Christmas.

*Once again a big thank you to you,
Len and Tony*

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17/11	Rowsley	£250
30/11	City Centre	£267.80
3/12	DHU	£500
6/12	Asterdale	£151
8/12	Rowsley	£250
9/12	Hospital	£nil
14/12	City Centre	£299.73
15/12	Queen's Head	£117.80
16/12	Jonty Farmer	£145.41
19/12	Radio Derby	£nil
20/12	Castle Donington	£200* TBC
21/12	City Centre	£286.19
Total		£2467.93

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