



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir Newsletter – Autumn 2008



From the Chairman

Thank you for electing me Chairman. I appreciate your encouragement and offers of support, especially Terry's guidance, Sue's all round enthusiasm and Janet's clerical expertise.

Terry – Thank you. You are a tremendous asset to MGMVC and we all respect your wish to take more of a back seat. I'm sure I speak on behalf of everyone involved with the Choir in wishing you all the best in the future, particularly for your medical treatment in the coming months. Our love and support are with you and Janet as are our wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

Recent Concerts - Concerts at Shelley, Penistone and Denby Dale were well attended and displayed our commitment to promote and work with young performers and share our pleasure in making music. Many thanks to Sue for supporting the young people at these concerts. Remember the advice "smile when you sing, it makes for a better sound".

Special thanks – To Rex for the continued loan of our old piano. We hope our new one will arrive before the Christmas concert. To Chris Mills for producing this newsletter and the MGMVC website.

Major forthcoming events – 15th November 7:15pm - Concert to celebrate 40th Penistone Competitive Music Festival. This festival was initiated by MGMVC; let's be proactive in selling tickets and make the concert a sell out.

13th December 7:15pm – Annual Christmas Concert with Penistone Ladies at St. John's Church Penistone. This year we are joined by Springvale School Choir. I would appreciate help in procuring programme sponsorship. Please let me know if you are prepared to assist in any way.

Members Update – A welcome return to John and Margaret. To Derek and Doug, the latest entry to our Hip Parade. I think we may even have one good leg between us!

General – Any suggestions for the future development of MGMVC will always be carefully considered by myself and the elected committee.

Best wishes for 2009,
John Hind

Choir trip to Wales

The choir and many supporters enjoyed a wonderful trip to Wales as guests of Cor Meibion Dwyfor.

The concert in Porthmadog was very well received, especially when the two choirs joined together and sang in Welsh. This was matched by the socials in the hotels where the singing went on into the early hours.



Caernarfon Castle provided a magnificent setting for the second concert with the stone walls capturing the sound and taking it up to visitors even in the highest turrets.

The Snowdonian scenery was stunning and the weather was marvellous. On the trip to Portmeirion you could have believed we really were in Italy.

Anyone who missed the trip will be able to hear Cor Meibion Dwyfor when they perform in the Penistone Paramount on June 6th 2009.

Once again we must all thank Janet and Terry Cater for organising a terrific trip.

Election of Choir Officers

At the Annual General meeting the following were elected:

Chairman - John Hind

Vice Chairman - Steve Dixon

Secretary - Melvyn Dyson

Treasurer - Alan Booth

Committee Members

Peter Green, Chris Mills, Bryan Marsh and Jack Schofield

Librarians - Margaret Gouldsbrough and Mike Goodwin

Friends of the Choir - Mac Moffat

Properties - Mac Moffat

Tote Organiser - Keith Raynor

Publicity Officer - Chris Mills

Millhouse Institute Rep - John Wright

Trustees - Duncan Exley, Steve Dixon, Joe James, Chris Mills and Chris Walker

Forthcoming Concerts

The next concert is on **November 15th**. We will be singing in the Paramount as part of the celebration concert for the 40th Penistone Competitive Music Festival.

As well as the choir, past winners of many of the festival classes, both vocal and instrumental, will be performing.

Millhouse Green MVC set up the festival in 1969 and it has been held every year since. At this year's festival the choir won two classes and was awarded a Distinction in each.

On **Friday Dec 5th** we will be at Emley Church.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert with Penistone Ladies Choir will be on **December 13th** in St. John's church, Penistone. This year the choir from Springvale school will also be joining us.

The proceeds of the concert will go to two children's charities, the Forget-me-not Trust and the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths.

Tickets will be on sale after we have completed the November concert at the Paramount.

Long Service

Two of the choir's greatest treasures have recently celebrated anniversaries.

Melvyn Dyson has completed 25 years as the choir Secretary and Sue Christie has been the Musical Director for 15 years.

As both are still carrying on with unabated enthusiasm we can only marvel and offer them our heartfelt thanks and congratulations.

Socials

There have been three recent social events: a Welsh evening in July a wonderful Lamb Roast in August and a Halloween Evening in October. The next social is on **April 3rd 2009**, see below.

Website

The new choir website is up and running.

The list of concerts and socials is kept up to date, so there's no need to miss any! There's plenty of other information there too, including photos of the trip to Wales and a sample of the choir singing.

Please have a look, and a listen.

www.mgmvc.co.uk

ENGAGEMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS – 2008

November 15 th	Saturday	Penistone Paramount - Concert to celebrate the 40th annual Penistone Competitive Music Festival.	7:15pm
December 5 th	Friday	Emley Church (this concert has been brought forward from its original date of Dec 6th)	7:30pm
December 9 th	Tuesday	Mapplewell Darby and Joan Club	7:00pm
December 13 th	Saturday	Christmas Concert with Penistone Ladies and Springvale Primary School Choir - St. John's Church Penistone	7:15pm
December 15 th	Monday	Christmas Concert - Millhouse Institute	7:30pm

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March 21 st	Saturday	Celebrity Concert - Penistone Paramount	
April 3 rd	Friday	Social - Victorian / Edwardian theme	7:00pm
April 4 th	Saturday	Emmanuel Church Barnsley	
May 16 th	Saturday	Thurlstone Church - joint concert with Marsh Ladies Choir from Huddersfield	
June 6 th	Saturday	MGMVC will be appearing at a concert to be sung mainly by Cor Meibion Dwyfor at the Penistone Paramount	
October 30 th to November 1 st	Friday to Sunday	Festival of Brass and Voices - Royal Albert Hall	