



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir

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Newsletter – Spring 2010



From the Chairman

A belated but Happy New Year to everyone. I'm sure the choir engagements planned for 2010 will be as successful and enjoyable as in 2009. I hope we've seen the last of the white stuff and that there's no need to cancel any more practices.

Practice is in full swing for our Celebrity Concert with Hepworth Brass Band at the Paramount on 20th March, ticket sales are going well. Enquiries to Melvyn Dyson 01226 766286. Supper tickets at £3 are available from Peter Green 01226 766390.

Recent Concerts: The Friends of the Choir concert at Thurgoland was a huge success, a good choir performance, excellent soloists, four-star refreshments and an accomplished compere made for a really happy atmosphere. A memorable evening, well worth repeating. Thanks to Mac Moffat for all his hard work and attention to detail. £350 was raised for church funds.

The Christmas concert with Penistone Ladies was equally successful and our guests, the Holmfirth Boys Choir were a real hit with the audience. A cheque for £1500 was presented to the Kids Scanner Appeal at Sheffield Children's Hospital and an additional £63 was collected on the door after the concert. The Mayor was also able to present a cheque for £300 for church funds. It would be unfair to mention anyone individually so a big thank you to everyone for working so hard, for and with, each other.

The Christmas concert at the Millhouse Institute was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and thanks to Molly for entertaining us once again. Baby Noah (future choir member) was entertained by Anne Coles. Thank you Anne.

Christmas Lunch 2009: Organised and prepared by the Social committee, this event was a huge success in every way. No doubt this is due to a lot of collective hard work. I've been informed that this is to be repeated in 2010 – can't wait. Thank you Social Committee and thank you Sue for providing the entertainment.

John Hind

Trip to Scotland October 1st – 4th 2010

All those who are going have now been given a provisional programme for the trip. There will be some minor amendments to this, but hotel and concert venues have now been firmed up. Please note we are singing at Kinnoull Church, not Killoull.



Janet and I stayed at the Bruntsfield Hotel recently and found every aspect excellent. We visited both churches and I'm sure we will enjoy

singing in them. We also visited the Royal George Hotel in Perth where we are eating on Saturday evening. We intend to visit Durham soon to finalise concert arrangements with the Cathedral. Our concert there should be a most memorable occasion and I would urge members not coming to Scotland to join us for the Durham concert. It is only 1½ hours away, why not share a car and join us. It's an event not to be missed. Let me know if you can make it.

The next payment of £60 per person for Scotland is due by 1st March, in an envelope please.

Terry Cater

Members Update

The death of Roy Watmough from the Baritone section was sad news. Roy was a popular member of the choir and will be missed. His family appreciated our attendance at his funeral service at Green Moor Chapel. Our condolences to his family and thank you to the choir members who attended.

Duncan Exley has returned from his Antipodean adventure, welcome back. The unclément weather has affected some members' health, and seasonal ailments have affected attendance, but overall I think we've done pretty well. I know John Goldsborough is frustrated he can't attend as often as he would like but we look forward to his return in the near future.

John Hind

Forthcoming Concerts

Another full year of concerts is being planned and if recent practices are anything to go by they will see MGMVC in good voice and heart.

The Celebrity Concert is on 20th March with Hepworth Band. Tickets are still available from Melvyn. Supper tickets cost £3.00 and are available from Peter Green.

Other highlights include concerts with Karla Ladies on Saturday May 15th, Pennine Singers on Saturday July 3rd and Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band on Saturday 25th September

For other concerts please see the list below and update your diaries.

Sponsorship

As reported in the last newsheet Steve Dixon and Neville Dyson are taking lead responsibility in this area. Please inform them of any ideas or of potential sources of sponsorship. I have been proactive in this area, securing a £1000 annual sponsorship from Chris Blantern, Director of Hi-Point Scaffolding. Chris has accepted our offer of the post of Vice President, their logo will be on our stationery and I hope this arrangement will continue to flourish.

We are constantly looking for new sponsors for our concert programmes. Any suggestions, or additional ideas for fund raising, would be welcome.

Visit to North Wales 2011



Cor Meibion Dwyfor have invited us back to North Wales and are keen to visit us again. Our choir members have expressed an interest and I have spoken

to Ifan Hughes and agreed that we will go there in September 2011 with the return visit in 2012.

I have started the planning and made a provisional booking of hotels for 16th to 18th September 2011. Further details will follow.

Terry Cater

Socials

The next Social Evening on 18th June has a 'Midsummer Madness' theme and should be a lot of fun.

The Valentine Social was a great success. The food was mouth-watering, the entertainment first class. The evening was spiced up by Janet's inventive menu notes, Sue and Lofty's tassle collection and Phyllis's serving of banana and ice cream.

Thanks go to members of the Social committee and everyone who contributed.

ENGAGEMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS – 2010

Dates for your diaries. Please try to attend as many as possible.

March 20th 2010	Saturday	Annual Celebrity Concert - Penistone Paramount - with guests Hepworth Band	7:15pm
May 15th 2010	Saturday	Thurstone Church, Barnsley - joint concert with Karla Ladies Choir	7:30pm
June 18th 2010	Friday	Social - Midsummer Madness - Millhouse Institute	7:30pm
July 3rd 2010	Saturday	Huddersfield - joint concert with Pennine Singers	
September 2nd 2010	Thursday	Annual General Meeting - Millhouse Institute	7:30pm
September 10th 2010	Friday	Ingbirchworth Chapel - Proceeds in aid of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	7:30pm
September 21st 2010	Tuesday	Mapplewell Darby and Joan Club	7:00pm
September 25th 2010	Saturday	Penistone Paramount - joint concert with Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band	
October 1st 2010	Friday	Priestfield Church, Edinburgh - Joint concert with East Fife Male Voice Choir	7:30pm
October 2nd 2010	Saturday	Kinnoull Church, Perth	7:30pm
October 4th 2010	Monday	Durham Cathedral	1:30pm
December 3rd 2010	Friday	Emley Church	
December 17th 2010	Friday	Social - Christmas Dinner - St. John's Community Centre, Penistone	7:30pm
December 18th 2010	Saturday	St. John's Church Penistone - Christmas Concert with Penistone Ladies Choir	7:15pm
December 20th 2010	Monday	Millhouse Institute - Christmas Concert	7:30pm