



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir Newsletter – Summer 2009



From the Chairman

Summer is with us, or have we already had it?

Our celebrity concert was a resounding success. Subsequent joint concerts:- Karla Ladies in April, Marsh Ladies in May and Cor Meibion Dwyfor in June, were equally rewarding.

The concert with Karla ladies raised over £1000 for choir funds. We will sing with them again in March 2010 when they will be our guests in Thurlstone church.

Though less well attended by choir members, we were well supported by Marsh Ladies at our concert in Thurlstone church, with an outstanding performance by a local soprano adding to its success. Over £300 was raised for church funds.

Our much anticipated concert with Cor Meibion Dwyfor gave us and everyone else much pleasure and another sell-out concert.

A fun social evening and a great concert, complimented by an excellent violinist, made for a fabulous weekend.

I would like to thank everyone for their help, particularly those involved in the catering. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed their stay with us and expressed an interest in strengthening the link between our choirs with another trip to Wales.

Special Thanks

- To our Sponsors, Friends of the Choir and other supporters for your assistance, particularly in the current financial climate.
- To Sue for enabling and encouraging young people to perform with us at our concerts.
- And finally, I would like to thank all of you for your encouragement and support during my year as chairman, particularly to Brenda who has been as rock-solid as ever.

John Hind

Choir trip to Chester September 18th – 20th 2009

The arrangements for the Chester trip are now almost complete.

We shall be using Expressway Coaches again, hopefully with our usual drivers.



We will be stopping in the Westminster and the Queen Hotels. These are on opposite sides of the same road and close to the city centre.

Steve has arranged two concerts. Friday evening's venue is still to be finalised and the Saturday concert will be in St. Chad's Church, Farndon.

We shall call at Tatton Park on Sunday and be back in Penistone early evening.

Further details will be given out soon to those going. There will be plenty of time to explore Chester.

Terry Cater and Steve Dixon

Members Update

A warm welcome to new members and those returning to join us.

With sadness I report the death of Lance Battye and Friend of the choir Frank Wood. Our condolences to their families.

As Melanie's pregnancy progresses we now have cooler practices, on 27th April she actually asked for the window to be opened. Melanie, we're all looking forward to the birth of your new baby.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by Margaret Gouldsbrough, out librarian and reserve accompanist who is always willing to support, sometimes at very short notice.

John Hind

**Please don't forget the Choir Annual General Meeting is on 3rd September, 7:30pm
at the Millhouse Institute**

Forthcoming Concerts

Our next concert will be on Friday 11th September at Ingbirchworth Chapel.

We have a joint concert with East Fife MVC on October 4th in Penistone Parish Church and a special concert has been arranged at Thurgoland Church on November 21st with free entry for Friends of the Choir.

We are also looking forward to our two concerts in Chester in September and the Festival of Brass and Voices in the Royal Albert Hall at the end of October.

There are more details below. Full and up to date information can always be obtained from the choir website at www.mgmvc.co.uk.

Socials

The Victorian evening in April was such a success that several people have requested a repeat event. Thank you to the social committee, to Phil and Val for organising the raffle and to Mike Goodwin for such an enunciate, erudite and loquacious performance as compere. Over £400 was raised to help fund other social events.

The next social event will be Lofty's Lamb Roast and Barbeque. Sunday 2nd August at 2pm, 28a Bracken Hill, Burncross, Sheffield S35 1CS. There is plenty of space for parking and weekend camping. Practice your party pieces, bring a drink to share and your wallets and purses as there will be a raffle in aid of the choir's social fund. Any queries telephone 07747 661423.

Terry and Janet Cater have changed their email address to janter.cater@sky.com



Choir trip 2010

If we wish to have a weekend away next year we need to start planning soon. Do you have any preference for where you would like to go?

With the present rate of the Pound against the Euro, the continent would seem expensive. We do have a contact with Chepstow MVC and there are plenty of other choirs in that area. However, we are open to suggestions, so please contact us if you have any ideas or connections.

Terry Cater and Steve Dixon

Uniform

Agreement has been reached for the renewal of some blazers. If you have any ideas or comments about uniform please mention them to Mac Moffat or John Hind to bring back to the committee.

And Finally

Congratulations to Peter Green who won first prize in the Millhouse Green scarecrow contest (it was the scarecrow that was entered, not Peter)



The event was organised by Millhouse and Thurlstone Women's Institute and the proceeds were donated to local musical charities. The choir and Thurlstone Brass Band both received £250

ENGAGEMENTS AND SOCIAL EVENTS – 2009

August 2nd 2009	Sunday	Lamb Roast at John and Brenda's - Burncross	2:00pm
September 3rd 2009	Thursday	Annual General Meeting - Millhouse Institute	7:30pm
September 11th 2009	Friday	Ingbirchworth Chapel	7:30pm
Sept 18th to 20th 2009	Fri to Sun	Choir trip to Chester	
September 29th 2009	Tuesday	Mapplewell Darby and Joan Club	7:00pm
October 4th 2009	Sunday	Penistone Church – Joint concert with East Fife Male Voice Choir	6:00pm
October 30th to November 1st 2009	Friday to Sunday	Festival of Brass and Voices - Royal Albert Hall	
November 21st 2009	Saturday	Thurgoland Church – free entry for Friends of the Choir	
December 12th 2009	Saturday	Christ Church, Wadsley Bridge	
December 19th 2009	Saturday	St John's Church Penistone - Christmas concert with Penistone Ladies	7:15pm
December 21st 2009	Monday	Millhouse Institute – Christmas Concert	7:30pm