



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir

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Newsletter - Autumn 2011



| Programme of concerts for rest of 2011 | | | |
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| Oct 5th | Wed | St Edward's Church, Kingstone, Barnsley | 7:00pm |
| Nov 18th | Fri | Holy Trinity Church, Thurgoland - Free entry for Friends of the Choir | 7:30pm |
| Nov 25th | Fri | Rotherham Minster - in aid of Rotherham Holiday Aid | |
| Dec 8th | Thurs | Tesco, Penistone | 6:00pm |
| Dec 13th | Tues | Mapplewell Darby and Joan Club | 7:00pm |
| Dec 17th | Sat | St John's Church, Penistone - Christmas Concert with Penistone Ladies Choir | 7:15pm |
| Dec 19th | Mon | Millhouse Institute - Christmas Concert | 7:00pm |

| Current Programme of concerts for 2012 | | | |
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| Mar 17th | Sat | Annual Celebrity Concert - Penistone Paramount - with guests to be announced | 7:15pm |
| Mar 31st | Sat | Huddersfield Town Hall - Concert of Massed Choirs and Bands - in aid of Cancer Relief | 7:30pm |
| Apr 28th | Sat | Dukeries College, Ollerton - Joint concert with Dukeries Singers | 7:30pm |
| June 16th | Sat | Emley Church | 7:30pm |
| Oct 27th | Sat | Joint concert with Côr Meibion Dwyfor - venue to be announced | 7:30pm |

| Social events for rest of 2011 | | | |
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| Oct 22nd | Sat | John Goldsborough's 90th birthday - Stocksbridge | 2:00pm |
| Dec 9th | Fri | Social - Christmas Dinner - St. John's Community Centre, Penistone | 7:30pm |

| Social events 2012 | | | |
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| Mar 2nd | Fri | Social—Millhouse Green Institute | |
| Aug 10 th | Fri | Social—Millhouse Green Institute | |

Terry Cater

Chairman's Bit:

Greetings fellow Choir Members and Friends of the Choir

It has been quite an eventful period since our last newsletter, with three concerts, a 60's social evening, a competition and our trip to North Wales – all of which were extremely enjoyable.

Our social committee again excelled itself both in the provision of food and the quality of entertainment at the 60's Evening and my thanks go to all involved.

We received praise from the Cleethorpes competition adjudicator and brought home both Silver and Glassware to mark the awarding of first prizes - though it was a little disappointing that we were not competing against stronger opposition.

Our trip to Wales was particularly well organised by Janet and Terry and featured something different this year, RAIN, lots of it - particularly in Conway where only the ducks were happy. However, the fellowship/singing throughout the weekend made up for it.

We also visited and sung at Alvaston Hall, the base location of next year's trip. What a lovely hotel with great facilities. Whilst I (*and I suspect many of you*) may not be thinking of playing golf (spoils a good walk) or swimming (*cold and wet*) the hotel does provide a quality venue where we can all be together. It suits all ages for it is level/easy to move around, and there are some great places to visit. In addition, the church in Nantwich, that Terry has already contacted, is regarded as one of the finest in the area so it looks as though the concert there could be quite special. So sign up now for your voice, and your company, is needed.

On the welfare front, there has been a number of running repairs on members of choir (knees, hips etc) during the period (no pun intended) and Honorary choir member Barbara Marshall continues to battle against illness with true spirit and we all wish her well. It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of George Williamson's wife at the end of September after a long illness. Our thoughts are with George and his family

On a brighter note, John Gouldsbrough's 90th Birthday Party is only weeks away and the Christmas concert season will soon be upon us. Lets enjoy.

Steve

Millhouse Green MVC Officials 2011 – 2012

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| President: | C Blanter | |
| Vice Presidents: | J Campbell, Mrs Elders, J Gouldsbrough, M Goldsbrough | |
| Committee: | Chairman: | Steve Dixon |
| | Vice-Chairman: | David Allaway |
| | Secretary: | Melvyn Dyson |
| | Treasurer: | Alan Booth |
| | Publicity: | Chris Mills |
| | Property Steward: | Roger Green |
| | Librarian: | Margaret Gouldsbrough |
| | Subscription Sec.: | Keith Raynor |
| | Tote: | Keith Raynor |
| | Section Reps: | Peter Green, Chris Mills, Derek Hill, Jack Schofield. |
| | Friends of MGMVC: | Mac Moffet |
| Trustees: | Chris Mills (Chairman), | Duncan Exley, Steve Dixon, Joe James, Bill Coles |

Trip to Wales Sept.16th to 18th

Despite some inclement weather, everyone seemed to have had a good time. Both hotels provided good service with impressive menus. The concerts went well and the Friday evening social was enjoyed by all especially our Welsh friends. The play provided something different and demonstrated the range of talent that exists within MGMVC. We hope that Cor Meibion Dwyfor will return to Penistone towards the end of October 2012.



Cor Meibion Dwyfor presented us with two framed prints of paintings by Rob Piercy, a member of the Royal Cambrian Academy and the Watercolour Society of Wales, who has been painting professionally since the early eighties. He trained as an art teacher and taught up to 1989, when he left to concentrate solely on his painting. A member of the Alpine Club of Great Britain he is also an experienced mountaineer having climbed throughout Europe. Naturally his favourite subject matter is the mountains and in particular his native Snowdonia. He is now recognised as one of the United Kingdom's premier mountain painters and has work in public and private collections throughout the world. The original paintings sell for several thousand pounds. (Further details www.robpiercy.com/)

Social Committee.

Choir's Christmas Dinner

Friday Dec.9th St. John's Community Centre.

Keith Raynor will be issuing details of the menu and order forms shortly. Raffle prizes will be much appreciated for the evening.

Dates for 2012

Fri March 2nd Millhouse Green Institute -Theme The Old Tyme Musical
Fri August 10th Millhouse Green Institute - Theme Remembering the 40's

Invitation. Once again, an invitation has been received from the Mayor of Barnsley for members to join the Civic Choir for a one off event – the Civic Choir Service on 15th December 2011. Practices start 11th October at St Mary's Parish Church (Tuesdays 12.30 to 1.30 pm). It's a mixed choir with spirit. See Steve Dixon for further information

Choir Trip 2012. Oct.5th to Oct.8th

Our Sunday lunch at Alvaston Hall on the return from Wales proved to be very popular. There were many favourable comments about the meal and what the hotel has to offer. "I fancy coming here" was heard several times. The week-end next year promises to be very enjoyable and I hope that choir members will let me know a.s.a.p. of their intentions so that I can offer any spare places to our supporters who are keen to go. The concert in St. Mary's Church, Nantwich promises to be an exciting experience and other concerts will be arranged when a clearer idea of choir members is known.



Mixed voice choir from Ollerton near Newark

Concert with the Dukeries Singers Sat. April 28th 2012.

This has now been confirmed. A coach has been booked and according to the choir's wishes a decision will be made nearer the date as to whether we go for the day, half a day or just for the concert.

Mrs. Mary Williamson.

Mary died recently after a long illness. Until her illness Mary regularly attended our concerts and social events. We offer our sincere condolences to George and his family.