

Members

Both John Goldsborough and Norman Hodgkinson continue to suffer from poor health but their spirits remain high and would welcome contact from friends/fellow choir members.

Future Events

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| Fri. Dec. 17th | Christmas Dinner | St. John's Com. Centre Penistone |
| Sat. Dec. 18th | Christmas Concert | St. John's Church Penistone 7.15pm |
| Mon Dec. 20th | Christmas Concert | Millhouse Institute - 7:30pm |

2011

We already have a fairly full programme for next year

(see the website www.mgmvc.co.uk).

N.B. March Concert with Hepworth Band
and a lunchtime concert in Wakefield Cathedral in May.

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| Sat Mar 19th | Annual Celebrity Concert with Hepworth Band | Penistone Paramount 7.15pm |
| Fri Apr. 1st | Social | Millhouse Institute - 7:30pm |
| Sat. Apr. 2nd | Concert | Barugh Green Methodist Chapel |
| Sat. Apr. 16th | Concert | Shelley Village Hall 7:00pm |
| Sun. Apr. 17th | Don Valley Festival | Elsecar Heritage Centre - Evening |
| Tues. May 10th | Concert | Wakefield Cathedral 1.00pm |
| Fri. May 13th | Concert | Hemsworth Church 7:30pm |
| Fri. July 1st | Social - 60s Night | St. John's Com. Centre Penistone |
| Fri. Nov. 25th | Concert in aid of Rotherham Holiday Aid | Rotherham Minster |

In Conclusion— We wish all members of the choir and their families plus its friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Terry Cater



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir

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Newsletter - December 2010



Chairman's Bit

Greetings.

How time flies. It's almost three months since I received the honour of becoming your Chairman and it is only now that I fully appreciate the hard work that goes on behind the scenes by fellow choir members. Immediate past chairman John Hind did an excellent job for the last two years and continues to provide welcome advice when asked.

Our recent hectic programme of 8 concerts, a wedding and a funeral were very well received by all those attending and we continue to enjoy the additional kudos of being involved in Benjamin Till's Symphony for Yorkshire. (BBC DVD now available -see below).

So, as we draw towards the end of a very successful year its worth reflecting as to why we have achieved what we have. Now this is the most difficult bit to put into words. Enjoyment, pride, hard work, commitment, family encouragement, the best musical director, musical programme, excellent accompanist, social events, and support of friends of the choir are all part of the equation but the love of singing is infectious and the warmth we generate is sufficient to make our choir special.

Sue is already working on next years programme (some old and some new) and practice CD's are being produced. We obviously must not get complacent and it is for that reason the attendance at rehearsals – particularly between January and March - is especially important, as are the courtesies we must observe whilst Sue is good-naturedly trying to “drum” into each section the correct notes to sing (technical jargon – for those not in the choir). The next twelve months should be equally exciting with a concert at Wakefield Cathedral and a visit to North Wales already on the agenda

Take care. Steve

Social Committee News



We are particularly pleased that our President Chris Blantern will be joining us for the Christmas dinner on December 17th and as expected all tickets have been sold. We look forward to another good evening. Raffle prizes will be much appreciated for the evening.

Dates for 2011:

April 1st. Social in M.G. Institute.

July 1st. Sixties Night in St.John's Community Centre.

Many thanks to Geoff Beever and Graham Beck for raising £159 for social funds by raffling a display of winter pansies and the sale of DVDs of Scottish concerts.

Scottish Trip 2010

It seems a distant memory now but a very happy one. We were on top form with all the concerts, Durham Cathedral being particularly memorable. The Cathedral authorities have said that we can return there anytime.

Janet and I thank you all for your generous collection which is unnecessary since our satisfaction comes from seeing you all enjoying yourselves but nevertheless much appreciated. We have used it to fund our recent 3 days at The Lion Hotel, Criccieth preparing next year's trip.(See below)

Christmas Concert Sat. Dec.18th

The annual Christmas concert with Penistone Ladies promises to be better than ever. Tickets (£6 inc. refreshments) are going fast and we expect our usual sell out so contact Melvyn quickly if you want to go.(766286).

This year the proceeds will be divided between Air Ambulance and Sheffield Deaf Children's Society after a donation to St. John's Church and some minimal expenses.

Start Christmas in a traditional way.



Wales Sept.16th to 18th, 2011

All places on the trip are now taken though I shall not be sure of final numbers until all deposits have paid by Jan.31st. Please don't leave it until the last moment. Thanks to those who have already paid. At present 111 people are going and both The Lion and The Plas Isa are fully occupied.

On our recent trip to icy N.Wales we fully explored The Lion and have made provisional allocation of rooms taking account of your particular needs. We also met with Ifan Hughes of Cor Meibion Dwyfor and arranged the joint concert and 2 socials.

On the return journey we shall have Sunday lunch at Alvaston Hall a Warner hotel near Nantwich and will give a concert there. Other things are planned – details later. It is shaping up to be a good weekend.



“A Symphony for Yorkshire”

If you would like a permanent record of MGMVC's appearance on TV a DVD of the whole symphony plus the making of it can now be purchased from the website Charity Goods or by sending a cheque for £10 to Charity Goods, PO Box 695,Newport, NP20 4ZU. £5 goes to Children in Need.

“Only Men Aloud”

A party of 50 from MGMVC, Penistone Ladies and supporters are going to Preston Guild Hall on Dec. 15th to see this talented Welsh choir. Their programme is very varied so it should be an enjoyable evening.



Choir Sweatshirts

Roger Green has a small stock of shirts and can arrange for the choir motif to be embroidered on appropriate clothing – for a small fee.

You can contact Roger through our website www.mgmvc.co.uk