

Future Events

Sat. March 19 th	Celebrity Concert Paramount	7.15pm
Fri. April 1 st	Social Millhouse Institute	
Sat. April 2 nd	Concert Barugh Green Methodist Chapel	
Sat. April 16 th	Concert Shelley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun. April 17 th	Don Valley Festival Elsecar Heritage Centre	evening
Tues. May 10 th	Concert Wakefield Cathedral	1.00pm
Fri. May 13 th	Concert Hemsworth Church	7.30pm
Fri. July 2 nd	Concert Emley	
Fri. July 8 th	"60's" Night	
Sept 16 th —18 th	Welsh weekend	
Wed. Oct. 5 th	Concert Kingstone Church	
Sat. Oct. 22 nd	John Gouldsbrough's Birthday	
Fri. Nov. 25 th	Concert Rotherham Minster	
Thurs. Dec. 8 th	Singing at Tesco's Penistone	
Fri. Dec. 9 th	Christmas Dinner	
Tues. Dec. 13 th	Concert Mapplewell Derby & Joan	
Sat. Dec. 17 th	Christmas Concert with Penistone Ladies St. John's Church	
Mon. Dec. 19 th	Concert M.G. Institute	

Tailpiece

Each Newsletter I should like to give a choir member the opportunity to express his views or opinion on things that are happening in the choir. You can remain anonymous if you wish but it must be short and preferably positive. Please let me have your thoughts in writing in plenty of time for the next Newsletter in May. It may be necessary to amend or reduce according to space available.

N^o.1: 2010 witnessed some memorable events for MGMVC notably "A Symphony for Yorkshire" and our concert in Durham Cathedral. In May we shall be singing in Wakefield Cathedral and in November Rotherham Minster. In addition we have a fairly full programme of local concerts but do we want to have one or two events a year where we go slightly further afield to sing in a prestigious venue hiring a coach (I'm sure our funds would stand it)? Durham said we could go back anytime and I understand Beverley Minster and Selby Abbey welcome choirs of a good standard which we are. Janet and I attended the Llangollen Eisteddfod last July and apart from a very good German choir we could have held our own especially as choirs now sing 3 own choices. I would be prepared to explore possibilities for 2012 but only if I feel members are interested. So let me know what you think.

Terry Cater



Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir

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Chairman's Bit

Greetings

How time flies. The Christmas dinner, December concerts and the trip to see Men Aloud are all a distant, but pleasant memory. Each event was judged a success thanks principally to the dedication and hard work of those who organised, helped and entertained. My thanks go to you all, and in particular, to our wives and Friends of the Choir.

We are now focusing on being in fine fettle for our first concert of the New Year – the Celebrity Concert at the Paramount Theatre on 19th March (a few tickets still available from Melvyn).

The words of all the pieces **must** be learnt by the end of February and extra practice CD'S are available for those who have worn out their original copy.

Sunday April 17th is also approaching swiftly which is when we will be competing against Saddleworth, Newmill and Tideswell Male Voice Choirs at the Don Valley Music Festival, Elsecar (concert tickets will be available from the venue). We need to be at our best. Cash prizes and a barrel of beer provide an additional incentive.

Choir membership remains strong but it was sad to note that Elwyn Parry (baritone) has decided to leave the choir after 3 enjoyable years (*his words*). Norman is enjoying better health and has been able to attend choir practice. John Goldsbrough is still poorly but his spirits remain high. Congratulations go to those who were recently presented with Choir long service awards - Cecil Hallis, Alan Booth, and George Williamson (40 years); Melvyn Dyson (30 years) and Geoff Moore, Rex Roebuck and John Goldsbrough (20 years). Their dedication is an inspiration to us all

The choir remain ever mindful of the need to promote music to the younger members of our community and stronger links are being made with Millhouse Junior School. Watch this space for possible joint activities

Take care



Christmas Concert

Yet another successful concert with Penistone Ladies Choir and the young soloists. Sophie sang beautifully and Mollie “ turned up trumps” by stepping in at the last minute when Joe was unable to perform due to a family crisis. The church was full and a total of £1200 was donated to our two chosen charities, The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The Sheffield Children’s Deaf Association plus a donation to the Church. The audience left feeling they had made a good start to the Christmas week. Tickets did not sell as quickly as in previous years, however, and perhaps we need to re-think the format which has remained virtually unchanged since the concerts started 6 years ago. **Ideas?**

A recording of the concert was made by Christine Wood, put on 2 CDs and sent to John Hirst to keep him in touch with the Ladies Choir and hopefully help his recovery. We wish him well for 2011.

Celebrity Concert March 19th

Preparations are well in hand and we look forward to another successful concert with Hepworth Band. Tickets are going well but the first 250 are always easy to sell. A big effort is required with the last 100 so that we achieve a full house. Last year some 13 members didn’t sell any and this is our major fund raising event for the choir. We all need to make an effort. Adverts for the programme are going well.

Peter Green has supper tickets at £3.

Wakefield Cathedral Tues. May 10th at 1.00pm

Sue, Melvyn and Terry met with Tom Moore, Director of Music at the Cathedral, and finalised arrangements. We shall sing for approx.45 minutes, a programme based on our current repertoire. We also spoke with Darren Percival, the catering manager and he will provide a 2 course lunch of hot chicken and mushroom pie plus vegetables, choice of desserts, tea or coffee for £4.95 after the concert. Vegetarian option. Seems a steal. A 53 seater coach has been booked to leave Penistone approx 11.30 with usual picking-up points prior to this. The coach will be free. Pam Burton generously gave £100 in memory of Ronny and this money is being put towards the cost.



Leave Wakefield at 4.00pm. I shall send round a list shortly to see who wants lunch and who wants to travel by coach. I’ll then know how much spare room we have for supporters. It will be a good day.

Tescos

Melvyn and Terry met with Brian Richardson, Tesco’s Community Champion, to discuss possible links-up to our mutual benefit. Brian has promised a £25 voucher for a raffle at the March concert and an evening in December when we can sing in the foyer and collect for choir funds. Not a lot but it should raise our profile and it’s a start..

Don Valley Festival Sunday April 17th evening.

This will be an important engagement for the choir so it’s vital that we have a good turn-out. We have made a good start on our 2 chosen pieces so if we continue to make progress we’ll do well.



Welsh Week-end Sept. 16th to 18th

The arrangements are now virtually complete as you can see from the last Newsletter. There is a spare single room and possibly a room for 2 so if anyone in the choir who couldn’t go originally now finds they can, speak to Terry soon before non-choir members are contacted. It promises to be a good week-end.

Social Committee

The next socials will be on

- Friday April 1st in M.G.Institute.
- Friday July 8th “60’s Night” St. John’s Community Centre - featuring by popular request the return of our resident group from Scotland.
- Fri. Dec. 9th Christmas Dinner St. John’s Community Centre.



PENISTONE LADIES CHOIR

CONCERT IN AID OF THE STROKE ASSOCIATION

With Penistone Schools Children’s Choir and excellent guest artists

Springvale Methodist Church Sunday March 13th 7.00 pm

Ticket £5 includes refreshments

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or any choir member

Please Support them

Choir’s Annual Break—There will be no choir on July 25th and August 1st.