

An up-date of Harrogate Male Voice Choir's fundraising throughout the year 2022.

Our choir has been proactive this past year. We have we have given five concerts', the last being on the 13th December 2022. Additionally, in April, we competed and performed well in the Eskdale Choir Festival, Whitby.

It has been a milestone year for our choir in as much that we had a joint concert with a lady's choir from Nottingham called the Lyrical SoNGbirds. This was the first time Harrogate Male Voice Choir had performed in the same concert with a lady's choir. Similarly, it was the first time that Lyrical SoNGbirds had sung outside their hometown, Nottingham. It was a most enjoyable and successful event which took place at the West Park United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue and was in aid of Saint Michaels Hospice, Harrogate. We raised a total of £654 for the Hospice.

Our association with The Lyrical SoNGbirds was forged during 'Lockdown' when their Musical Director, Ian Watts invited members of HMVC to join Carlton Male Voice Choir (he is also their Musical Director) on their ZOOM sessions, during those difficult times – evidence of the wonderful fellowship within the choral community, where distance has no bounds.

The photograph below shows Lawrie Coulthard from our choir presenting a cheque for this amount, received by Sandra Gilbert on behalf of Saint Michael's, in front of their Tree (Light up a Life!).



Including the amount raised for Saint Michael's, a total of £3,492 was raised for various charitable organisations in the year.

HARROGATE MALE VOICE CHOIR IS CONSTANTLY IN RECRUITMENT MODE AND WOULD WELCOME ANY GENTLEMAN WHO ENJOYS SINGING AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AT WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH HALL, WETHERBY ROAD, HG2 7SG. **WHEN?** EVERY TUESDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7.30PM – 9.30PM FOR REHEARSALS. ON AVERAGE, WE HOLD 10 CONCERTS THROUGHOUT OUR YEAR WHICH LASTS FROM SEPTEMBER TO THE END OF JUNE.

WE ARE A FRIENDLY GROUP OF GENTLEMEN, FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND FIND SINGING AND SOCIALISING VERY ENJOYABLE AND FULFILLING. GOOD FOR ONES' HEALTH AND WELLBEING!

WHY NOT COME AND TRY IT OUT. PLEASE GIVE LAWRIE COULTHARD A CALL ON 07905515492.

HMVC's forthcoming concerts are:

11th February 2023 – concert in aid of Marie Curie at Gracious Street Church, Chapel Street, Knaresborough HG5. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. £8 per ticket. Tickets are available from Phil Attwell (01423864611) or buy on the night.

Saturday, 18th March 2023 – Harrogate Community Choir Festival at Harrogate Theatre full details will be released to HADCA when confirmed.

We have several provisional bookings throughout 2023, such as:

Saturday 13th May HMVC's Annual Concert – venue to be arranged

Saturday 20th May Possible concert – St Mary's Church, Boston Spa TBA

Saturday 10th June possible joint concert with Rylands at Pickering Methodist Church TBA

Saturday 30th September – Gracious Street Church, Knaresborough TBA

Confirmatory details will be posted in HADCA's 'Weekly News' when confirmed.

Thank You and a Happy, safe and peaceful New Year to you all,

Lawrie Coulthard T2

Harrogate Male Voice Choir