



# Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

# A Concert Review for 1980 to 1984



in association with Newcastle Festival 1984

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
CHOIRS (GROUP 7)**

present a  
**CHORAL SPECTACULAR**

Sunday, 28th October, 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

featuring:

Amfield Plain Gleemen	Low Fell Ladies'
Ashington Male Voice Choir	Lynn Male Voice Choir
Columbia Singers	Prudhoe Gleemen
Gibside Singers	Richardson Singers
Lemington Male Voice Choir	Wellingham Steelworks Male Voice Choir

with

Maureen McCauley — mezzo-soprano

Accompanied by Jennifer Reid, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Programme introduced by Norman Williams — N.A.C. President

## National Association of Choirs

The Choir was founded originally in October 1916 by Mr. W. H. Batey as Ashington Male Voice Choir.

He laid the foundations of successful choral singing of a high standard winning many contests and earning a fine reputation for the Choir.

After surviving the 1926 General Strike and the Second World War, the Choir amalgamated in 1956 with the depleted Morpeth and Newbiggin Male Voice Choirs to form Ashington & District Male Voice Choir.

The Choir has entertained audiences across the region and overseas and performs a varied selection of songs. It is appropriate that several numbers are about coal mining as Ashington was once famous as 'the largest coal mining village in the world'.

Surviving the Covid pandemic, which impacted on many community choirs, this traditional male voice choir from Ashington continues to flourish and attract new members.

This information sheet is 'A Concert Review for 1980 to 1984'.

## A Rich and Diverse Programme of Community Concerts

This review highlights some of the key concerts performed during the period of 1980 to 1984.

**10.05.1980 – Annual Concert** – With Maryetta, Vernon and Gladys Midgley

**07.06.1980 – The Kings Lynn Concert at Morpeth Town Hall** – With Kings Lynn Norfolk Male Voice Choir

**11.10.1980 – The Dahlerbruck Concert at Ashington Central Hall** – With Dahlerbruck Choir, Carol Andrew, soprano and Morpeth Highland Pipe Band

**06.06.1981 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Concert in St. Nicholas Chapel** – With Kings Lynn Male Voice Choir

**10.10.1981 – 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert** – With Joan Savage from 'The Black and White Minstrel Show'

**22.05.1982 – Annual Concert at Ashington Central Hall** – With Peter Morrison, baritone

**14.07.1982 – Music in the Church at Woodhorn Church** – With Janice Slaughter, Henry Abbot, Ben Poll

**23.10.1982 – The Dahlerbruck Concert in Germany** – With Local German Choirs

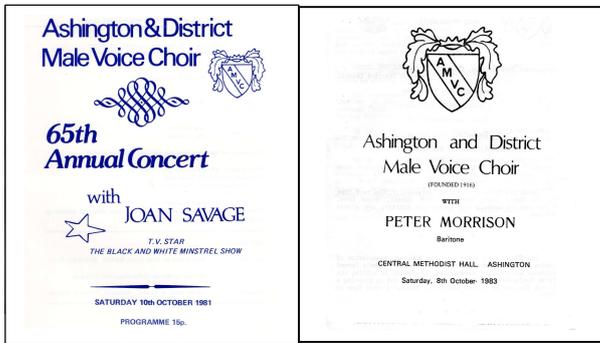
**05.06.1983 – BBC Radio 2 Sunday Half Hour at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington**

**08.10.1983 – Annual Concert at Ashington Central Methodist Hall** – With Peter Morrison, baritone

**12.05.1984 – Annual Concert at Ashington Central Methodist Hall** – With Anne Lorne Gillies

**28.10.1984 – NAC Choral Spectacular**

**15.12.1984 – Christmas Concert** – With Shirley Wilkinson



**Annual Concerts in 1981 and 1983**

**A Rich and Varied Programme between 1980 to 1984**

**General Programmes**  
 A Smuggler's Song, Abschied, All in the April Evening, An Evening's Pastoral, Arise O Sun, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Border Ballad, Cavalry of the Steppes, Close Thine Eyes, Dashenka, Deus Salutis, Do-li-A, Down in the Valley, Edelweiss, Eriskay Love Lilt, Feasting I Watch, Funiculi, Funicula, God's Choir, Goin' Home, Goodnight, Gwahoddiaid, Hava-Nagila, In Saint Pauls, In the Trades, Jacob's Ladder, La Gollondrina, Little Innocent Lamb Rest, Llanfair, Love Could I Only Tell Thee, Ma Bonny Lad, March of the Peers, Morte Criste, My Lord, What a Morning, My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose, Myfanwy, O Mary Don't You Weep, O Sole Mio, One World, Silver Birch, Speed Your Journey, Stout Hearted Men, Sunrise, Sunset, Take the Sun, The Finnish Forest, The Hippopotamus' Song, The Isle of Mull, The Keel Row, The Policeman's Song, The Song of the Jolly Roger, The Water of Tyne, Two Roses, Tydi a Roddiast, Uist Tramping Song, With a Voice of Singing.

**Christmas Programmes**  
 A Child this Day is Born, A-Rockin' All Night, Carol of the Huron Indians, Deck the Hall, Go Tell It on the Mountain, I Saw Three Ships, It was on a Starry Night, Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head, Te Harinui, The Holly and the Ivy, We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

**Ashington & District Male Voice Choir**  
 Web: <https://www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org.uk>  
 Also on Facebook and YouTube.

**Maintaining strong links with International and National Choirs**

**Joint Concerts in Germany and the UK**

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir has built and maintained strong links with international and national choirs, performing concerts in the region, nationally and overseas, during this review period.

**Kings Lynn Male Voice Choir**

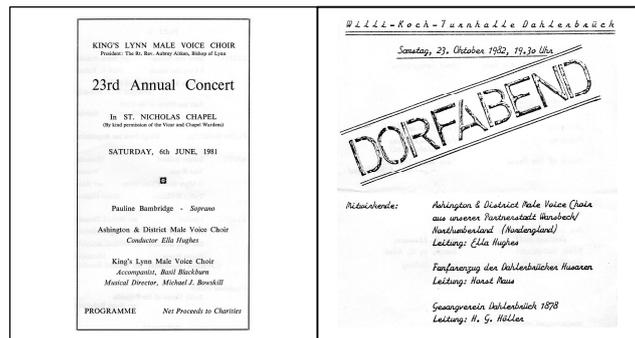
The Choir performed a series of joint concerts in East Anglia and in the North East of England with Kings Lynn Male Voice Choir:

**07.06.1980 – Morpeth Town Hall**  
**06.06.1981 – St. Nicholas Chapel, Lynn**  
**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 1998 at 7.30pm**

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir performed a series of joint concerts in Dahlerbruck, Germany and in the North East of England with The Dahlerbruck Choir:

**11.10.1980 – Ashington Central Hall**  
**23.10.1982 – Dahlerbruck, Germany**

Strong bonds of friendships were built up between members and families of all choirs, who shared accommodation during their visits.



**Joint Concerts in 1981 and 1982**

**Ashington & District Male Voice Choir Information Sheets**

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir is producing a range of information sheets on various topics, including on the heritage of the Choir. They will be published within the Choir website.