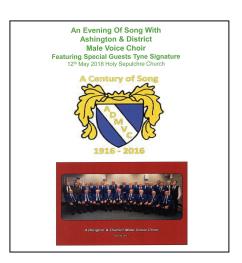


# A Concert Review for 2015 to 2019



Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington

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 2015 to 2019'.

## A Rich and Diverse Programme of Community Concerts

This review highlights some of the key concerts performed by Ashington & District Male Voice Choir during the period of 2015 to 2019.

28.03.2015 – NAC Choral Spectacular of Massed Voices at The Sage, Gateshead

**09.05.2015 – Annual Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton** – With Susan Robertson and Harmony
Youth Choir

13.06.2015 – The Miners' Memorial Service at Woodhorn Museum

12.12.2015 – Christmas Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Octavian

14.05.2016 – Centenary Celebration Concert at Northumberland C of E Academy

10.12.2016 – Centenary Christmas Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Tony Harbottle

28.10.2017 – An Evening of Song with Ashington & District Male Voice Choir at St. Mary's Church, Wooler

09.12.2017 – Christmas Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton

12.05.2018 – Annual Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Tyne Signature

15.07.2018 – A Commemorative Parade and Service to mark the Centenary of The Armistice and the Return Home at St. Cuthbert's, Bedlington

15.12.2018 – Christmas Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington

18.05.2019 – Annual Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Rachel Bird

14.12.2019 – Christmas Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington – With Steven Moore, Percussionist

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Christmas Concerts in 2017 and 2019

### A Rich and Varied Programme between 2015 to 2019

#### **General Programmes**

76 Trombones, African Prayer, American Trilogy, Anthem, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Bobby Shafto, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Bring Him Home, Calm Is the Sea, Calon Lan, Can't Help Falling In Love, Clean Heart, Dance To Ye Daddy, Dashenka, Do You Hear The People Sing, Every Time I Feel The Spirit, Gwahoddiad, If I Ruled the World, If I Were A Rich Man, Jesus Shall Reign, Lilly of the Valley, Love Shone Down, Maria, Memory, Morte Criste, Myfanwy, Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat, Softly As I Leave You, Song of the Coal, Speed Your Journey, Stout Hearted Men, Take Me Home, The Colliers' Requiem, The Keel Row, The Long Day Closes, The Lord Is My Shepherd, The Rhythm of Life, The Seal Lullaby, The Song of The Jolly Roger, The Water of Tyne, The Woodhorn Disaster, Those Magnificent Men. When I'm 64. When The Saints Go Marching In, With Cat Like Tread, You Raise Me Up, Yard Seam! Bothal High!

#### **Christmas Programmes**

Christ Child In The Manger, Deck The Halls, Do You Hear What I Hear, In The Bleak Midwinter, Jingle Bells, Mary Had A Baby, Mistletoe and Wine, My Lord, What A Morning, O Holy Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Quern Pastores, See Amid The Winter's Snow, Show Me The Child, Stop The Cavalry, We Three Kings.

#### **Ashington & District Male Voice Choir**

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Also on Facebook and YouTube.

## A Concert fitting for A Centenary Anniversary

#### **The Centenary Celebration Concert**

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir celebrated their Centenary Anniversary in 2016.

The Choir held 'A Centenary Celebration Concert' at Northumberland C of E Academy on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Jonathan Shaw was the musical director and conductor, and Derek Brett was the accompanist.

They were joined by solo guest artists, Susan Robertson, soprano, Anna Corcoran, singer songwriter and pianist, and the Academy Choir.

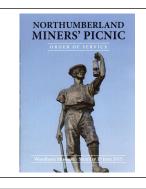
The ensemble performed a varied programme for everyone.

A highlight of the evening was when the Choir performed 'A Tribute to the 1916 Woodhorn Mine Disaster'.

Neil Morton, with a long association with the Choir, had been invited to direct this section.

The Academy Choir supported.

All songs were produced by Derek Hobbs and Mike Kirkup – 'Song of the Coal', 'Yard Seam! Bothal High!', 'The Woodhorn Disaster' and 'The Colliers' Requiem'.





Memorial Concerts in 2015 and 2018

### 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.