



## Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

# A Concert Review for 2010 to 2014

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#### Concert for Nepal in Whitley Bay

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 2010 to 2014'.

## 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 2010 to 2014.

**15.05.2010 – Annual Concert at Ashington Community High School – With Werca's Folk**

**12.06.2010 – The Miners' Memorial Service at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington**

**14.05.2011 – Annual Concert at Ashington Community High School – With Harmony**

**10.12.2011 – Christmas Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Paul Phillips**

**24.03.2012 – The Concert for Archie at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Susan Robertson**

**12.05.2012 – Annual Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Susan Robertson**

**16.06.2012 – At Brinkburn Priory**

**20.10.2012 – Concert at St. Cuthbert's Bedlington**

**04.05.2013 – Annual Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Susan Robertson**

**14.12.2013 – Christmas Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Anna Corcoran**

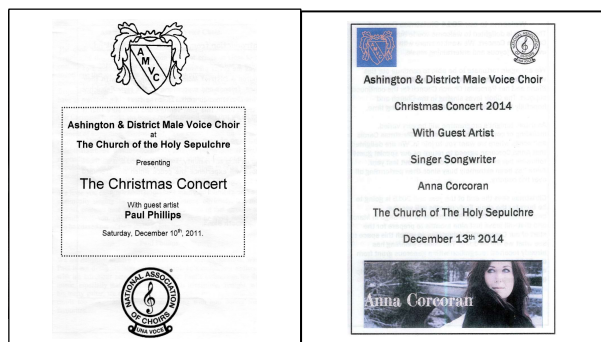
**31.01.2014 – A Festival of Music for Nepal**

**28.02.2014 – The RNLI Concert at The Maritime Centre, Newbiggin by the Sea – With Susan Robertson**

**10.05.2014 – Annual Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Susan Robertson**

**14.06.2014 – 150<sup>th</sup> Miners' Memorial Service at Woodhorn Museum**

**13.12.2014 – Christmas Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church, Ashington – With Anna Corcoran**



### Christmas Concerts in 2011 and 2014

## A Rich and Varied Programme between 2010 to 2014

### General Programmes

African Prayer, American Trilogy, Anthem, Autumn Leaves, Bobby Shafto, Bring Him Home, Calm is the Sea, Can't Help Falling in Love, Cavatina, Dashenka, Do You Hear the People Sing, Every Time I Feel The Spirit, Give Me A Clean Heart, Go Down Moses, Goin' Home, Gwahoddia, Hallelujah, I Write the Songs, If I Ruled the World, If I Were A Rich Man, Jesus Shall Reign, Last of the Summer Wine, Let There Be Peace On Earth, Lily of the Valley, Love Shone Down, Maria, Morning Has Broken, Morte Criste, My Heart Will Go On, My Lord, What a Morning, Non Nobis Domine, Oh Won't You Sit Down, Portrait of My Love, Sailing, Shall We Gather at the River, Softly I Will Leave You, Some Enchanted Evening, Song of the Coal, Stout Hearted Men, Take Me Home, The Colliers' Requiem, The Rose, The Rhythm of Life, The Water of Tyne, The Woodhorn Disaster, We'll Meet Again, When I'm 64, When The Saints Go Marching In, Yesterday, Yard Seam! Bothal High!

### Christmas Programmes

Christ Child In The Manger, Do You Hear What I Hear, Holy Day Holly Carol, In The Bleak Midwinter, My Lord, What A Morning, See Amid the Winter's Snow, Show Me The Child, Silent Night, We Three Kings.

### Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

Web: <https://www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org.uk>

Also on Facebook and YouTube.

## Remembering 'Fell 'Em Doon' in Music & Song

### The Birth of A Pit Village

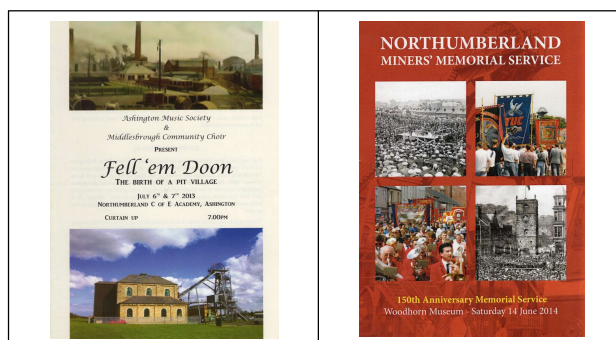
Ashington Music Society and Middlesbrough Community Choir presented the 'Fell 'Em Doon' Concerts at Northumberland C of E Academy in Ashington on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir was delighted to perform in and support these concerts. Neil Morton, musical director and conductor, directed the concerts.

Other performers included Susan Robertson, Richard Grady, the Academy Primary Choir, Wansbeck Male Voice Choir, The Hastings Singers (Blyth), The Wansbeck Singers, Marden Bridge Community Choir, The Newbiggin Singers, Ashington Colliery Band, Jayess Newbiggin Brass Band and Northumbrian Water Ellington Colliery Band.

The artists firstly performed a varied selection of music and then numbers from 'Fell 'Em Doon'. All songs in the musical work were produced by Derek Hobbs and Mike Kirkup.

The musical work tells the story of the birth of Ashington pit village and runs through the years to the time when all the pits closed in 1994 when it was performed in the October at the Ashington Festival.



### Memorial Concerts in 2013 and 2014

### 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.