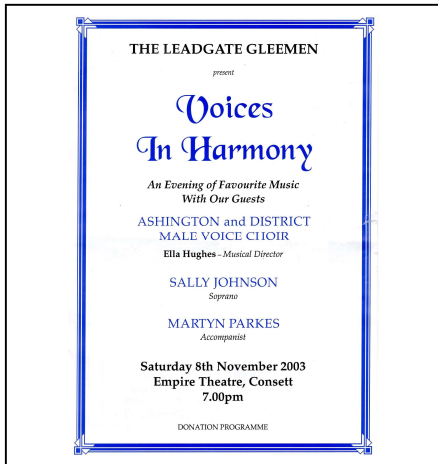




Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

A Concert Review for 2000 to 2004



Empire Theatre, Consett

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 2000 to 2004'.

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 2000 to 2004.

06.05.2000 – Annual Celebrity Concert at Ashington High School – With Suzannah Clarke

09.12.2000 – Christmas Concert

09.03.2001 – Janice Cairns at St. John's Church, North Seaton

12.07.2001 – Summer Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedlington – With Quartetto Maggiore

13.10.2001 – NAC Choral Spectacular

15.12.2001 – Christmas Concert

02.02.2002 – International Lunchtime Concert

11.05.2002 – Annual Celebrity Concert at Ashington High School – With Richard Morrison

25.10.2002 – Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Ellington Colliery Band

14.12.2002 – Christmas Concert at Ashington High School – With Janet Bennett, Harpist and Singer

24.05.2003 – Annual Celebrity Concert at Ashington High School – With Tueta Koco, soprano

08.11.2003 – Voices In Harmony at Empire Theatre, Consett – With The Leadgate Gleemen

13.12.2003 – Christmas Concert at Ashington High School – With Janet Bennett, Harpist and Singer

08.05.2004 – Annual Celebrity Concert at Ashington High School – With Gillian Ramm

25.09.2004 – NAC Choral Spectacular

11.12.2004 – Christmas Concert at Ashington High School – With Joan Kelsall and Shirley Wilkinson



Christmas Concerts in 2002 and 2003

A Rich and Varied Programme between 2000 to 2004

General Programmes

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square,
African Prayer, All You Were and All You Are,
Battle Hymn of the Republic, Border Ballad,
Calm is the Sea, Calon Lan, Counting the Goats,
Dashenka, Do You Hear the People Sing,
E'en As A Lovely Flower, En Route,
Film Themes Medley,
Give Me that Old Time Religion, Goin' Home,
Gwahoddiaid, Jesus Shall Reign, Juanita,
Kalinka, Let There Be Peace on Earth,
Li'l Liza Jane, Lily of the Valley, Llanfair,
Morte Criste, Myfanwy, My Heart Will Go On,
My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose,
Nice 'n' Easy Medley, No Man Is An Island,
Non Nobis Domine, Paint Your Wagon Medley,
Pokarekare Ana, She, Softly As I Leave You,
Speed Your Journey, Stout Hearted Men,
Take Me Home, Tebje Pojern,
The Colliers' Requiem, The Finnish Forest,
The Rhythm of Life, The Rose, The Two Roses,
This Little Light of Mine, Two Little Boys,
Unchained Melody, Voice of the Child,
Walk in the Light,
When the Saints Go Marching In,
With A Voice of Singing,
Yard Seam! Bothal High!,
You'll Never Walk Alone, Zum Sanctus.

Christmas Programmes

A Christmas Wish, Christ Child In The Manger,
Do You Hear What I Hear,
Go Tell It on the Mountain, Holy Day, Holly Carol,
Joy to the World, Show Me The Child,
Silent Night, The Candles Gleaming.

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

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

Also on Facebook and YouTube.

Supporting the National Association of Choirs

Regional Concerts at the City Hall

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir was delighted to support the National Association of Choirs at three of their North East regional events at the City Hall in Newcastle upon Tyne during this review period.

Saturday, 13th October 2001 at 7.00pm

28 North East Choirs supported this 'Choral Spectacular'.

Jon Clapham from BBC TV was the compere.

Saturday, 2nd February 2002 at 1.30pm

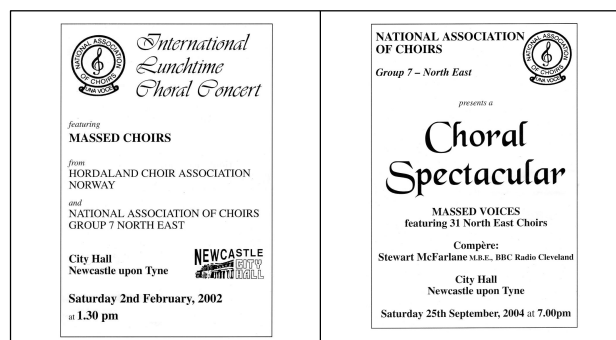
North East Choirs and the Hordaland Choir Association from Norway performed at this 'International Lunchtime Choral Concert'.

Saturday, 25th September 2004 at 7.00pm

31 North East Choirs supported this 'Choral Spectacular'.

Stewart McFarlane, MBE from BBC Radio Cleveland was the compere.

Ashington & District Male Voice was not just pleased to perform in these concerts, but it gave members the opportunity to learn new pieces of music, which could potentially be included in future programmes.



NAC Regional Concerts in 2002 and 2004

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.