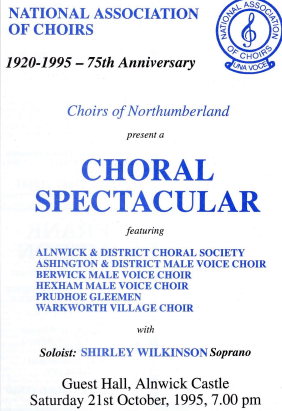




## Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

# A Concert Review for 1995 to 1999



**Guest Hall, Alnwick Castle**

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 1995 to 1999'.

## A Rich and Diverse Programme of Community Concerts

This review highlights some of the key concerts performed during the period of 1995 to 1999.

**08.04.1995 – Annual Celebrity Concert at  
Ashington High School – Marg Izatt & Graeme Danby**

**09.09.1995 – Flower Festival at St. Mary's, Blyth**

**21.10.1995 – NAC Choral Spectacular at Alnwick  
Castle**

**12.1995 – Christmas Concert – With Martin Dunn**

**29.09.1996 – NAC Choral Spectacular at City Hall**

**11.10.1996 – An Evening Concert at St. John's  
Church, North Seaton – With Ellington Colliery Band**

**12.1996 – Christmas Concert – With Martin Dunn**

**10.05.1997 – Annual Celebrity Concert – With Peter  
Morrison, baritone and Thora Ker, soprano**

**07.11.1997 – A Celebration Concert at St. John's  
Church, North Seaton – With Janice Cairns and ECBB**

**09.05.1998 – Annual Celebrity Concert at  
Ashington High School – With Thora Ker, soprano**

**21.06.1998 – Concert at St. John's Church, North  
Seaton – With East Fife Male Voice Choir**

**20.10.1998 – Concert at St. John's Church, North  
Seaton – With King's Lynn Male Voice Choir and Liz Rixon**

**06.11.1998 – Concert at St. John's Church, North  
Seaton – With Ellington Colliery and Youth Brass Bands**

**12.1998 – Christmas Concert – With Robin Dunn**

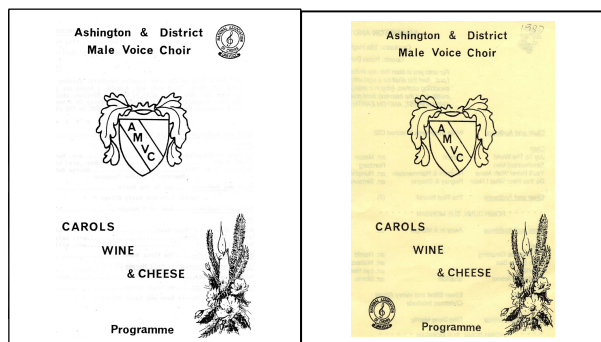
**29.04.1999 – Albania Concert at St. Cuthbert's  
Church, Bedlington – With Catriona Savage, soprano**

**08.05.1999 – Annual Celebrity Concert at  
Ashington High School – With Mary Plazaz, soprano**

**12.1999 – Christmas Concert – With Shirley Wilkinson**

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### Christmas Concerts in 1995 and 1998

## Rich and Varied Programme - 1995 to 1999

### General Programmes

A Cole Porter Medley,  
 A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square,  
 A Roman War Song, Autumn Leaves,  
 Battle Hymn of the Republic, Bobby Shafto,  
 Border Ballad, Bryn Myrddin, Calm is the Sea,  
 Calon Lan, Cavalry of the Steppes, Cavatina,  
 Chanson d'Amour, Counting the Goats, Dark Island,  
 Das Morgenrot, Dashenka, E'en as a Lovely Flower,  
 Eli Jenkin's Prayer, Every Time I Feel the Spirit,  
 Falan-Tiding-Dido, For Your Eyes Only, Gwahoddiad,  
 I'se Weary of Waitin', Jerusalem, Katyusha,  
 Land of Hope and Glory, Last of the Summer Wine,  
 Let There Be Peace on Earth, Llanfair, Morte Criste,  
 My Heart Will Go On, My Lord, What a Morning,  
 My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose, Myfanwy,  
 O Mary, Don't You Weep, Portrait of My Love,  
 Shepherd, Shepherd, Softly As I Leave You, Solitaire,  
 Some Enchanted Evening, Speed Your Journey,  
 Stout Hearted Men, Take Me Home,  
 The Colliers' Requiem, The Finnish Forest,  
 The Fishermen of England, The Gospel Train,  
 The Lord is My Shepherd, The Old Woman,  
 The Rhythm of Life, The Rose,  
 There is Nothin' Like a Dame, This Light of Mine,  
 Two Roses, Tydi A Roddaist, Unchained Melody,  
 Walk in the Light, Watching the Wheat,  
 When the Saints Go Marching In,  
 Yard Seam! Bothal High!, Ye Banks and Braes,  
 Yesterday, You'll Never Walk Alone, Zum Sanctus.

### Christmas Programmes

A Christmas Wish, Christ Child In The Manger,  
 Christmas Truce 1914, Do You Hear What I Hear, Go  
 Tell It on the Mountain, Infant Holy,  
 Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head, Joy to the World,  
 Silent Night, The Candles Gleaming,  
 Up Good Christian Folk and Listen. White Christmas.

### Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

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

Also on Facebook and YouTube.

## Supporting the tradition of brass band and male voice music

### Joint Concerts in the Region

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir continued to support the tradition of brass band music and male voice singing by holding several joint concerts during this review period.

#### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1996 at 7.30pm

A joint concert was held at St. John's Church in North Seaton with Ellington Colliery Brass Band..

#### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1997 at 7.00pm

A 'Celebration Concert' was held with Janice Cairns, soprano, and the Ellington Colliery Brass Band.

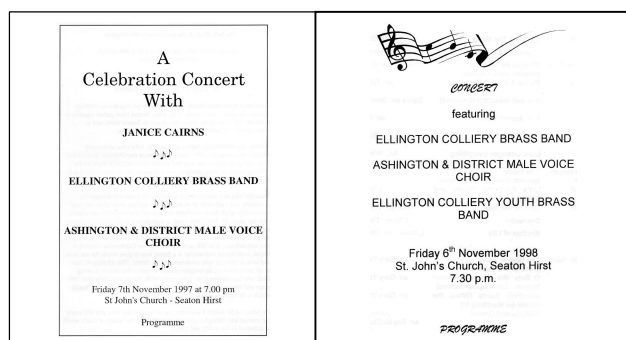
#### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 1998 at 2.30pm

A joint concert was held with East Fife Male Voice Choir at St. John's Church in North Seaton.

Liz Rixon was the guest artist.

#### Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 1998 at 7.30pm

A joint concert was held at St. John's Church in North Seaton with Ellington Colliery Brass Band and Ellington Colliery Youth Brass Band.



### Joint Regional Concerts in 1997 and 1998

### 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.