



Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

A Concert Review for 1985 to 1989



The City Hall, Newcastle

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 1985 to 1989'.

A Rich and Diverse Programme of Community Concerts

This review highlights some of the key concerts performed during the period of 1985 to 1989.

01.05.1985 – The London Road Concert

06.10.1985 – The Dahlerbruck Concert at Ashington High School – West German Choir Visit

14.12.1985 – Christmas Concert at Tech. College

27.09.1986 – NAC NE Massed Choirs in Concert

04.10.1986 – Anniversary Concert at Holy Sepulchre Church – With Kings Lynn MVC

25.10.1986 – 70th Anniversary Annual Celebrity Concert at Ashington Technical College

07.04.1987 – Gala Concert at City Hall – With Regional Brass Bands and Male Voice Choirs

Summer 1987 – Summer Concert – With Shirley Wilkinson, soprano

10.10.1987 – Annual Concert at St. John's Church, North Seaton – With Elizabeth Harley, soprano

12.1987 – Christmas Concert – With Janet Bennett

07.05.1988 – Annual Concert at Ashington High School – With Hilary Thomas, soprano

14.05.1988 – Concert at London Road Methodist Church – With Kings Lynn MVC and Shirley Wilkinson

25.05.1988 – Grand Charity Concert at Chantry Middle School – With School Orchestra

01.10.1988 – Concert in Dahlerbruck, Germany – With Local German Choirs

08.10.1988 – NAC Choral Spectacular at The Dolphin Centre, Darlington

12.1988 – Christmas Concert – With Sylvia Dunn

06.05.1989 – Annual Concert at Ashington High School – With Peter Morrison, baritone

12.1989 – Christmas Concert – With Sylvia Dunn

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Supporting the National Association of Choirs

Regional Concerts in the North East

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir was delighted to support the National Association of Choirs at two of their regional events in the North East of England during this review period.

Saturday, 27th September 1986 at 7.15pm

14 North East Choirs supported the 'North East Massed Choirs in Concert' at Durham Cathedral.

Saturday, 8th October 1988 at 7.00pm

19 North East Choirs supported this 'Choral Spectacular' at The Dolphin Centre, Darlington.

Northumbria Police 10th Anniversary

The Choir also took part in the 'Gala Concert' at The City Hall in Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday, 7th April 1987.

George House, local TV personality, 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.

A Rich and Varied Programme between 1985 to 1989

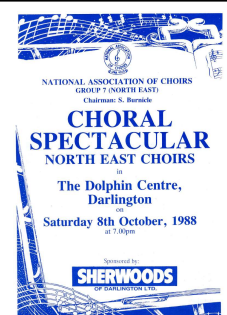
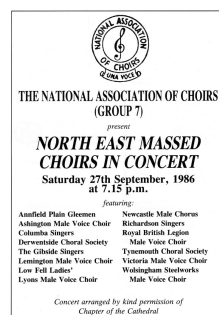
General Programmes - A Roman War Song, Arise O Sun, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Bobby Shafto, Border Ballad, Calm is the Sea, Cavalry of the Steppes, Close Thine Eyes, Come to the Fair, Das Morgenrot, Dashenka, Deus Salutis, Doctor Foster, E'en as a Lovely Flower, En Route, Eriskay Love Lilt, Getting to Know You, Gwahoddiad, I Love a Lass, I'se Weary of Waitin', It's a Grand Night for Singing, Kalinka, Let There Be Peace on Earth, Lily of the Valley, Llanfair, Love, Could I Only Tell Thee, Memory, Morte Criste, My Lord, What a Morning, My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose, Myfanwy, Non Nobis Domine, O Sole Mio, O, What a Beautiful Mornin', One World, Perhaps Love, Portrait of My Love, Sailing, Shepherd, Shepherd, Softly As I Leave You, Solitaire, Some Enchanted Evening, Speed Your Journey, Stout Hearted Men, Sunrise, Sunset, Take Me Home, The Finnish Forest, The Fishermen of England, The Fisherman's Hymn, The Gospel Train, The Isle of Mull, The Lonely Steppe, The Old Woman, The Song of the Jolly Roger, The Whiffenpoof Song, This Little Light of Mine, There is Nothin' Like a Dame, Tumbalalaika, Two Roses, Tydi A Roddaist, Walk in the Light, Watching the Wheat, When the Saints Go Marching In, Ye Banks and Braes, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Christmas Programmes - A Child This Day is Born, A Christmas Wish, A Starry Night, Carol of the Huron Indians, Christians Awake, Deck the Hall, Do You Hear What I Hear, Falan-Tiding-Dido, Go Tell It on the Mountain, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Holy Day, Holly Carol, In the Bleak Midwinter, Infant Holy, Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head, Joy to the World, Little Donkey, Love Came Down at Christmas, Mary's Boy Child, Merry Christmas, Te Harinui, The Candles Gleaming, The Holy Child, The Holly and the Ivy, We Three Kings of Orient Are, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, When a Child is Born.

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Joint Regional Concerts in 1986 and 1988

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.