

HMVC Ladies Circle Newsletter-Edition 98 November 2014

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REPORT FROM CHAIR PERSON

At the Ladies Committee meeting on Monday October 6th. three members resigned, Renée Wild, Barbara Lewis, and Carole Hepworth.

A further committee meeting was called on Tuesday October 21st. where it was reported that Dorothy Whiting was no longer able to serve as a member of the Committee as she had moved houses to live in the Cheshire area. At this meeting Averil Manning stood down as Chairperson, and was replaced by Denise Winterbottom. Averil will continue as Secretary and Vice Chairperson, as will Susan Kelly as Treasurer. As a result of these changes there are vacancies on the Committee, and we would welcome nominations from the Ladies Circle members, who would give their time to support the Male Voice Choir.

Please contact Averil or myself if you are able to join our Committee.

We have a major fund raising event with our Coffee Morning on Saturday November 29th. at Almondbury Church. With your support we look forward to a busy and successful year in 2015

Thanks to Pauline for organising a very enjoyable meal at the Foxglove in Kirkburton on Friday October 24th.

We now look forward to our Ladies Circle Christmas outing to Bents Garden Centre to view the wonderful Christmas displays. There are a few seats left on the coach if you would like to join us.

Denise Winterbottom (Chairperson)

TREASURER'S REPORT

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S.Kelly - Hon Treasurer

*****FORTH COMING EVENTS*****

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER Christmas Outing to Bents Garden Centre in Glazebury, Cheshire

This is open to everyone. There is a spectacular display of Christmas decorations and gifts and of course plants and flowers. The café serves excellent food. The cost will be £10 for the coach. There is no charge to go into the Garden Centre.

To book your place contact Denise Winterbottom Tel no: 315470

PLEASE NOTE:-

People getting on the coach at -THE LIBRARY IN HONLEY - THERE FOR 9.45a.m.

People getting on the coach at - KING'S RESTAURANT OPP. THE GEORGE HOTEL THERE FOR 10. 15A.M. PLEASE. Thank you.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH Winter Coffee Morning 10-00am to 2-00pm All Hallows Church. Almondbury.

As usual requests for donations of cakes and preserves, unwanted quality clothes, CDs, DVDs and books. There will also be Tombola and it would be helpful if donations were wrapped in Christmas paper to give the event a festive feel. There will be bacon butties as usual. We will, of course, require volunteers to help on the day with kitchen duties, serving and waiting on stalls. Please contact Averil on 01484 609605 and discuss how you can help. Tickets will be available at choir rehearsals on:-

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH. AND TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH.

We will also be there to collect any items you could donate for any of the stalls, and then **cake donations** etc. can be brought on the **day of the coffee morning**, or if suitable can be brought to choir rehearsal on the **Tuesday November 25th**. before.

Thanking you in advance for your donations, and ticket purchases.

We will be emailing out the names of volunteers for the stalls and generally helping the early part of next week, so you can get your aprons out ready. Averil

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH. BOLTON ABBEY PRIORY CHRISTMAS EVENING.

This is an insert from Stuart Mitchell

I understand that many of the choir would like to 'make a day' of the trip up to the Bolton Abbey Estate on Friday 5th December <http://www.boltonabbey.com>. This has 2 benefits to for the choir and supporters; it means that a number of the choir will make their way to the venue under their own steam, thus reducing the risk of rush hour travelling to the venue from Honley and also relieving the pressure on the coach situation whilst having a fun day out in the country (there is a very small archway on the road to the priory which was built for horse and carriage rather than bus, so we are limited to the size of coach we can arrange).

If you who are unfamiliar with the estate, it is owned by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. In addition to the Abbey the estate also includes the 5* boutique

Devonshire Arms Hotel www.thedevonshirearms.co.uk , the 4* Devonshire Fell www.devonshirefell.co.uk as well as the Cavendish Pavilion www.cavendishpavilion.co.uk which is near to the priory and abbey and serves refreshments down in the valley and by the beautiful river that runs through the estate. The estate is very picturesque and is a haven for walkers and ramblers. Please note the walkway by the pavilion is relatively flat and has disabled parking close to the Pavilion and bridge. It may also be worth noting that it is Food and Wine week at the Devonshire Arms, so expect this hotel to be busy (I have attached a PDF) if you are interested in booking lunches or afternoon tea at the Devonshire Arms.

In order for the choir and partners to have an enjoyable day on the estate, I have spoken to the Director or Sales for the Estate and have managed to negotiate the following:

- Free parking Passes for Bolton Abbey and the Pavilion - This will be need to be pre-arranged so I need an indication of numbers of cars who will take up this offer
- 2-for-the-price-of-one (half price) for Afternoon Tea at the Devonshire Fell. I need to get an indication of numbers as they will reserve a private room for us, if this is of interest.

Tickets for the concert are available via the Devonshire Arms hotel and also apparently through their Facebook page, but I am yet to get details for this (I will forward as soon as possible). Tickets for the concert are £10 per person. If you want to dine at the Devonshire Arms Brassiere prior to the concert, they are offering a special 2 course dinner for £20 + £10 Ticket package = £30. Again this is available via their website.

We are performing at Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey, Skipton, BD23 6AL. Access is from the B6160, just north of Bolton Abbey village, through the gap in the wall to the east, and down the drive to the end. Limited parking is available in front of the Priory for those attending services or other events at the Priory. Otherwise, there is free parking in the Bolton Abbey village car park - tell the car park attendant that you are going to a service at the Priory. I believe we will be arranging shuttle transport for those with very limited mobility; however this will again be arranged nearer the time, once numbers have been finalized.

I thought a map might be helpful to give you an indication of where the 3 places indicated above are in relation to the Abbey - please see below (there is also a hyperlink, if you click the map):

If you need any help with this event please contact Stuart on 07771 946614 or Averil on 01484 609605 as soon as possible please

Stuart Mitchell

JANUARY 30TH. 2015 "An Evening with Steven" at Meltham Sports and Social Club. 7 for 7.30pm

Steven Roberts (The Choir's MD) will give a talk, which, I am sure, will be most interesting. A Pie and Pea Supper will follow this. I am sure these tickets are going to be in great demand, so early booking is advisable. All are welcome, members, friends, family or interested parties. The event is being organised by Barbara Lewis and Renée Lavin. Tickets are £6 and can be obtained from Barbara on 01484 358213 or Renée on 01484 850137.

We are looking for volunteers to organise future events. If anyone has any ideas please ring a Committee member and we will help in any way we can.

We need some new ideas and different people to organise fundraising events. The Choir needs financial support now more than ever. Costs for putting on major concerts and for its day to day running are rising all the time. Income is falling. We are needed to help.

REPORT FROM ACTING CHOIR CHAIR - ROGER

The choir is in the period between its September concert, about which I reported last month, and its popular Christmas Concert to be held on Saturday 13th December 2014, requiring a lot of hard work on the part of our singing members as we build a programme of music.

I say that this concert is popular, because it has, in the past, always been well attended by the public. This year's concert features the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band. A change from the past nine years when we had the Cory Band from South Wales. We decided to ring the changes this year and support a band more local to our area and we are looking forward to an enjoyable concert.

Our choir, as with other local musical groups, is finding it more and more difficult to fill the Town Hall. I would, therefore, ask you all to help us by publicising this event amongst your family and friends, as much as you possibly can.

Christmas is always a busy time and this year is no exception and we have our usual appearances at the Honley Street Market and the Parkinson's Christmas party, both on December 6th 2014. In addition we have also had a rather interesting development arising from the WW1 concert. We had been asked to perform at the Devonshire Arms Hotel as part of a promotional event. After seeing and hearing us at the WW1 concert the organisers have decided to upgrade the event and are now asking us to perform in the Priory at Bolton Abbey. Watch this space for more information next month.

We also look forward to your *Coffee Morning* in Almondbury.

Roger Wild

Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman HMVC