

## **WORRALL MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**(Registered Charity No. 515038)**

### **NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011**

It's a bit late now I know but first of all, on behalf of WMVC, may I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Christmas 2010 is now a dim and distant memory but it was disaster as far as the Choir was concerned. The weather beat us "every which way" and following all the lads hard work learning Christmas music, we never sang a note in anger as the weather took its toll and both rehearsals and concerts had to be cancelled. 2011 started in much the same way as 2010 finished; with snow and rehearsals cancelled but we are now up and running again.

The Annual General Meeting was held this year on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. There were some changes to the Committee as our Treasurer of many years, John Wilkinson stood down. The newly elected Committee is now:-

Chairman - Lewis Atkinson

Secretary - Ian Pasley

Treasurer - John Adamson

Social Secretary - Hugh Prewett

Top Tenor Representative and Music Librarian - Alan Barber

Second Tenor Representative - Andrew Taylor

Baritone Representative - Frank Street

Second Bass Representative - Barney Goodman

Other Committee Members - Terry Else, Mark Rotchell and D. Atkinson. N. Ward is a non-singing co-opted Committee member.

Our first official "outing" this year will be in April for the wedding of Philip Gosney and Tanja Houmand Olsen at St. Mark's Church, Grenoside. Tanja is from Denmark and has asked the Choir to sing a favourite hymn in Danish during the service. We have tackled Welsh, Spanish and Latin plus Slavonic liturgy over the years so this will be another "linguistic string to our bow". We follow this with our Annual Spring

Concert on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, held this year at Knowle Top Chapel in Stannington. The Chapel has been renovated and this will be another first for the Choir, never having sung there before. Our guest at this concert will be Rachel Crisp, a Brighthouse lass who was the winner of our Douglas Crossland Shield at the 2010 David Clover Festival for Singers. Tickets are available from myself on 0114 234 4374 or Hugh Prewett on 0114 232 0294.

Following that we undertake our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Tour of Devon for one week from the 4<sup>th</sup> June staying at the Cavendish Hotel in Exmouth. We have a concert organised on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June when we are booked to do a lunchtime recital at 13-15 hrs. in the Chapter House of Exeter Cathedral. Then on the Thursday evening we travel to Paignton for a concert with Brixham Orpheus MVC.

Another first for the Choir will be our Annual Autumn Concert being held this year on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Wadsley Church. This is another local venue which has eluded us for 40 years!! Hopefully our guest for this concert will be the winner of the Michael Peaker Shield from this years' David Clover Festival, Matthew Palmer. Matthew is moving to London to study and he is hoping he can get time off to be at our Concert.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October we are booked for one of the biggest events in our 2011 calendar - one of our second basses, Barney Goodman, is getting married (at long last -Ed!) to Judy. They are actually getting married on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 in Tuscany, Italy but Barney won't pay for the all Choir to go over and sing at the wedding!! Instead he has asked if we will sing at their blessing service on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October in Ecclesfield Church at 13-30 hrs. Needless to say we are delighted to be part of their special day and hope we can do them proud with "The Rose" and "Gwahoddiad", requested to be sung in Welsh.

We have two Christmas Concert already planned for 2011 when we will hopefully do a repeat of 2010 with a carol concert at the new Forge Valley Collage in Stannington and our own Carol Concert at Sacred Heart in Hillsborough. Both these

concert were cancelled in 2010 due to the bad weather so we hope we can get them both on this year. Our guests at Sacred Heart will be Loxley Silver Band.

As usual, our Support Group is holding a Spring Fayre again this year in Wisewood Church Hall, Ben Lane on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 11-00 a.m. to 2-00 p.m. There is many a bargain to be had so why not come along and have a good old rummage around and see if you can find that antique that could become a "Del boy moment". Refreshments will be on sale for you to enjoy a well deserved cuppa and possibly an English breakfast, a sandwich or a slice of home made cake after all that shopping. The Support Group do a superb job and we are indebted to them all for their fund raising efforts on behalf of the Choir.

The Friends of Worrall Male Voice Choir scheme continues to grow attracting seven new members last year. If you are interested in becoming a "Friend" please give me a call on 0114 234 4374; E Mail me at [Secretary@worrallmvc.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@worrallmvc.org.uk) and I will be delighted to send you an application form or alternatively you can download the form from our website on [www.worrallmvc.org.uk](http://www.worrallmvc.org.uk) and click on "Friends". Membership is just £15.00 per year for a single member and £30 for family membership. Members enjoy news on all Choir activities via a Newsletter and Diary Sheet, priority booking for Choir concerts, social events and excursions, a free ticket per member to the Annual Carol Concert and concessions on other concert ticket as available.

We are always looking to cut costs and help the environment. If you are on E Mail and would like to help us cut down on the amount of paper we use you could receive the Newsletter electronically. Drop me an E Mail to [Secretary@worrallmvc.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@worrallmvc.org.uk) and let me know if you would like to receive the Newsletter this way in future. As usual, there is an up to date Diary Sheet included at the back of the Newsletter. We thank you once again for your continued support of the Choir and will be delighted to see you at any of the concerts or events listed.