

ATC Parish Meeting 4 April 2023

Report on Alcester Male Voice Choir.

We began our 49th Choir year in September 2022 with a successful Open Evening when we recruited 5 new members who have all slotted in well, giving us a grand total of 65 singers.

We have performed an average of 1 concert each month over the current year in support of local and national charities:

In September. We raised £1400 on the night at Stoke Prior Church, Bromsgrove in support of Prostate Cancer UK.

In October. We sang at Emmanuel Church Redditch to supplement their Church Funds post Covid to the tune of £500

In November. We hosted a party at the Eric Payne Centre for the 90th birthday of the Dowager Marchioness of Hertford who graces us with her presence every Wednesday evening during our rehearsals

Also in November we sang in Holy Trinity Church Stratford-on-Avon to raise funds for Shakespeare and Alcester District Lions.

In December we sang at Alcester Baptist Church to support their Repair Fund and also entertained the wider public with carol singing at Waitrose and outside St. Nicholas church.

In February we took part in the celebrations marking the reopening of the Greig Memorial Hall

We have also supported two civic services by singing at the installations of the new High Bailiff in October and the Chairman of the District Council on Saturday April 1st. The two Marks: Venables and Cargill

We are currently working hard rehearsing our new repertoire to be unveiled in full at our 49th Annual Concert to be held on Saturday 22nd April at the Greig Leisure Centre in company with Alcester Victoria Silver Band. In line with our mission-statement we are keen to support all worthy charities and at this event we will be supporting the Motor Neurone Disease Association with a retiring collection

Just a little plug TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE ME IF YOU'D LIKE A BOOKING FORM.

In March in readiness for this we performed a successful “dress rehearsal” concert in Henley-in-Arden Village Hall.

Our future programme for this Choir year includes concerts at St Peter's Parish Church Wooton Wawen in May
Alcester Baptist Church at the Alcester Street Market in June
And on July 8th we have a joint concert with the Ebbw Vale Male Voice Choir in St. Nicholas Church organised by Alcester Rotary Club.

Our thoughts then move on to our new Choir Year in September 2023 when we begin our celebrations at the start of the 50th year since the Choir was founded by Judith Land in 1974.

She is of course still very firmly at the helm and is organising a full range of exciting events, the highlight of which will be our 50th Annual Concert to be held over two days at Ragley Hall on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon on 20th and 21st April 2024.

So, as you can see, we are still going strong and 2024 promises to be a real landmark in the life of Alcester Male Voice Choir