

# Colne Valley Male Voice Choir - Festival Successes

## 1920s

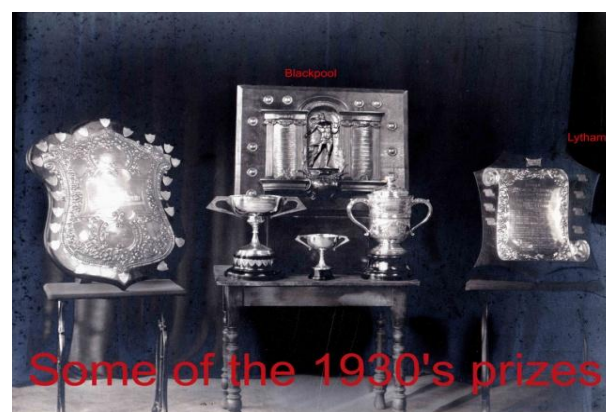
- 1923 Batley 1st,  
Thornhill 2nd
- 1924 West Ardsley 1st and Challenge Cup
- 1925 Mrs Sunderland Musical Competition 2nd,  
Gomersal 1st,  
Milnsbridge 1st
- 1926 Mrs Sunderland 2nd,  
York 3rd,
- 1927 Mrs Sunderland 2nd,  
Keighley 3rd
- 1928 Milnsbridge 1st
- 1929 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Ilkley 3rd,  
Milnsbridge 1st,  
Halifax 3rd



Outside the new headquarters in 1927

## 1930s

- 1930 Ilkley 2nd,  
Milnsbridge 1st
- 1931 Mrs Sunderland 2nd
- 1932 Mrs Sunderland 3rd,
- 1933 Brighouse 1st, Ilkley 2nd,  
Blackpool 3rd
- 1934 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Ilkley (tie) 1st
- 1935 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Morecambe 2nd,  
Ilkley 1st,  
Sheffield 1st and Challenge Cup,  
Blackpool 1st and Challenge Cup
- 1936 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Southport 1st and Challenge Cup,  
Ilkley 1st and Challenge Shield,  
Lytham 1st and Kenham Cup,  
Blackpool 1st and Challenge Trophy,  
Sheffield 1st
- 1937 Ilkley 1st, Lytham 1st and Kenham Cup,  
Blackpool 1st and Challenge Cup
- 1938 Mrs Sunderland 1st, Morecambe 2nd,  
Lytham 1st and Kenham Cup,  
Southport 2nd,  
Blackpool 1st and Challenge Trophy
- 1939 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Newcastle 1st and Trophy



Some of the 1930's prizes



Success in Blackpool

## 1939 - 1945

Depleted choir due to war service

- 1946 Blackpool 1st and Challenge Trophy
- 1948 Lytham 1st, Blackpool 1st, Challenge Trophy  
and Frank Howard Memorial Trophy
- 1949 Lytham 2nd,  
Blackpool 2nd

## No competitions during the War years



Choir in 1947

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## 1950s

- 1950 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Hull 1st, Pullan Rose Bowl and Challenge Cup
- 1951 Festival of Britain - Yorkshire Area 1st
- 1952 Mrs Sunderland 1st, Lytham 3rd
- 1954 Mrs Sunderland 1st, Morecambe 2nd,  
Blackpool 1st and Challenge Trophy
- 1955 Mrs Sunderland 1st,  
Lytham 1st and Kenham Cup,  
Blackpool 3rd
- 1956 Nelson 1st, Ilkley 1st
- 1957 Ilkley 1st, Blackpool 3rd
- 1958 Mrs Sunderland 2nd
- 1959 Ilkley 1st, Challenge Shield and Tennant Cup



**Rehearsing for the Festival of Britain 1951**

## 1960s

- 1960 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st,  
Mrs Sunderland 1st
- 1961 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st,  
Mrs Sunderland 1st
- 1962 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st,  
Mrs Sunderland 1st
- 1963 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2nd
- 1964 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2nd
- 1966 Teesside International Eisteddfod 1st
- 1967 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st



**Llangollen Eisteddfod 1981**

## 1970s

- 1971 Cardigan Eisteddfod 1st
- 1973 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 3rd
- 1977 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2nd,  
Pontrhyfendigaid Eisteddfod 1st

## 1980s

- 1981 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2nd
- 1987 Northern Male Voice Choir Championship 2nd

## 1990s

- 1990 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 3rd,  
Mrs Sunderland 2nd
- 1991 Mrs Sunderland 1st
- 1992 Mrs Sunderland 1st and Centenary Trophy
- 1993 Choir of the North, Newcastle 1st,  
National Male Voice Choir Championship 1st
- 1994 Mrs Sunderland Choir Programme 1st,  
MV Choir Class 1st,  
Pontrhyfendigaid Eisteddfod 1st
- 1995 Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 2nd,  
Televised Quarter-final stage of Sainsbury's National
- 1996 Mrs Sunderland Prize Winners' Challenge 1st,  
Kirklees Choir 1st,  
MV Choir Class 2nd
- 1997 Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Choir Programme 1st,  
Kirklees Choir 1st,  
National Male Voice Choir Championships 2nd,  
Llangollen International Eisteddfod 2nd
- 1998 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st,  
National Male Voice Choir Championships Rhyl 1st,  
Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Choir Programme 1st, Kirklees Choir 1st
- 1999 Llangollen International Eisteddfod 1st,  
National Male Voice Choir Championships  
Rhyl 2nd



**on TV**



**First Priza at 'Nationals' in Rhyl 1998**

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## 2000s

- 2000** Mrs Sunderland Prize Winners' Challenge 1st,  
MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir 1st
- 2001** Blackpool Musical Festival 1st
- 2002** Mrs Sunderland Kirklees Choir 1st,  
Prize Winners' Challenge 2nd
- 2003** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir 1st,  
Coleraine International Choral Festival, N. Ireland 2nd
- 2004** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir 1st
- 2005** Cornwall International Male Choral Festival 2nd prize  
Biddulph and District Musical Festival  
Male Voice Choirs Class 1st  
Choral Recital Class 1st  
Biddulph MVC Challenge Trophy:  
Best Conductor - Thom Meredith
- 2006** Mrs Sunderland Prize Winners' Challenge 1st  
MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir Class 1st  
J Hancock Trophy, Choir Programme Class 2nd
- 2007** Mrs Sunderland Prize Winners' Challenge 2nd  
MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir Class 1st  
J Hancock Trophy, Choir Programme Class 3rd  
**Cornwall International MV Choral Festival  
First Prize & Overall bSt UK choir.**
- 2008** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Prize Winners' Challenge 3rd
- 2009** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir Class 1st

## 2010s

- 2010** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2012** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Kirklees Choir Class 1<sup>st</sup>, Choir Programme, 1st  
Prize Winners Challenge 1st
- 2013** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cornwall International MV Choral Festival, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
**Cornwall International MV Choral Festival,  
Overall Best overall UK Choir**
- 2014** Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1st,  
Choir Programme, 2nd  
Prize Winners Challenge 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2015** **Cornwall International MV Choral Festival  
Overall Best UK Choir**
- 2016** Huddersfield Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1<sup>st</sup>

## 2018

**Huddersfield Mrs Sunderland MV Choir Class 1<sup>st</sup>  
Our 50th first prize at the Mrs Sunderland**



**Coleraine International Choral Festival 2003**



**Picking up the 1st prizes at Cornwall 2007**



**Thom with first place trophy 2018**