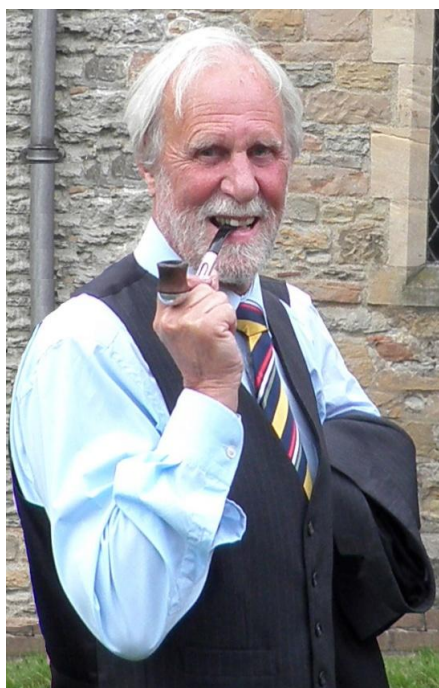


# Voice of the Valley

Colne Valley Male Voice Choir Newsletter

November 2014 Edition

## BAXTER GIRL IN TANZANIA TREK



"It seems it was only a short while ago," said Phillip Baxter, rehearsal pianist, occasional conductor and Choir Vice President, "That I was passing round the collection bucket, looking for funds to help my daughter fund her expedition to Africa."

"Well," he said, "I'm pleased to tell you that we've just had news that our Sophie has reached the summit of **Mount Kilimanjaro**, Africa's highest mountain and well over 19,000 feet high. The air is pretty thin up there but she made it. And she also made close on £4,000, to support MacMillan Nurses in the process."

She's in Zanzibar now but we'll get the full story when she comes home next week."

**Sophie Alice Baxter**, 26, youngest of the Baxter daughters, now lives in Wilmslow and has a successful career in marketing at MediaCityUK in Manchester.

“I’m proud of her and of the money she’s raised for a good cause.” said Phillip, “And I’d like to thank all the Choir members who contributed.”

**Well done Sophie!**



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# What do you make of this?



This photo came my way the other day. Do you by any chance recognise the Church or any of the men, women or children in the picture? What was the occasion? We think it's from the early 1930's. If anyone can shed any light on this mystery, please email the Editor at this link:-

[johnbadgerhey5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnbadgerhey5@yahoo.co.uk)

*Who is this chap?*

and I'll pass the research to the Choir's archivist, Jeff Bamforth.

# Band of Brothers



One of the successes of the wartime drama, 'Band of Brothers' has been the theme song, 'Requiem for a Soldier'.

A special arrangement of this haunting song for Male Voice Choir, Boys Choir and Brass Band is being put together by our Musical Director, Thom Meredith, for this year's Christmas Concert at the Town Hall on December on December 14<sup>th</sup>

Colne Valley Male Voice Choir is fortunate to have its own Boys Choir and our Guest Band this Christmas is one of the world's best, Brighouse and Rastrick. It should be great!

Click on this link to hear Kathryn Jenkins' version of this wonderful Michael Kamen song.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYYZkCLdQfY>





Well, you can't win 'em all.

We travelled down to Staffordshire to join in the Biddulph Musical Festival with high hopes of winning at least one of the two competitions we entered for – and we sang very well – but it was not to be.

The adjudicators awarded both the 'Male Voice Choir' class and the 'Choir of the Festival' prizes to local choir, **The Daleian Singers.**

**Well done to them.**



The Daleian Singers at Sandon Hall 2014

As for us, we've had our inquest, explored the critique of our performances and we live to fight another day.

It was a good day apart from the results!

# Sing the Fauré Requiem

Join a one-day choral workshop on this wonderful piece led by the inimitable Gordon Stewart. And then give an early evening performance.



I'm told that male voices would be especially welcome.

This event takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of November at Stoke-on-Trent's Longton Methodist Hall, starting with coffee and registration at 10:00. For more information and to arrange bookings see website.

[www.Barbara-walton-singers.org.uk](http://www.Barbara-walton-singers.org.uk)

This will definitely be a good day.



# Voice of the Valley goes global

## Top locations by opens

 United Kingdom 84.7%

 USA 11.7%

 Italy 1.8%


 Spain 0.9%

 Turkey 0.6%



Readership of Voice of the Valley has been steadily rising since we started about a year ago and I notice we have had readers from all over the globe. This snap shot shows a few locations for the last edition.

**BULLHOUSE CHAPEL 2014**  
Sunday 9th. November at 6 p.m.  
GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL'S  
**MESSIAH**



**PRINCIPALS**  
Sarah Ogden *Soprano* Debra Ogden *Contralto*  
Chris Pulleyne *Tenor* Thom Meredith *Bass*  
Malcolm Hinchcliffe *Organ* Julian Wightman *Trumpet*  
Angela Costello *Cello* Donald Clarke *Orchestra Leader*  
*Musical Director & Conductor* Noël Clarke

## And another thing.....

Don't forget Noel's Messiah. This has been done at the Bullhead Chapel for over 90 years. "All voices are welcome," says Noel, "And a rehearsal will take place in the afternoon at half past two." Tea and refreshments will be served for performers at 4.30pm, before the evening performance. The Chapel is at Millhouse Green near Penistone, close by the old 'Flouch Inn'.

(S36 9NF for the sat-nav.)

You'll notice, it features good friends of the Choir amongst the soloists. See Noel or contact him on 663695 if you need any more for more details.

## And another .....



Ticket supremo, Roger, reports that there are still a number of tickets left for the Christmas Concert.

So, if you haven't got all yours yet, better get cracking!

## And just one more .....

If you want to see the Colne Valley Boys - they'll be in concert with Holme Valley Singers on November 8th in Lindley. And there's a magician, too!



John C Clark (Editor)

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