

Voice of the Valley

Colne Valley Male Voice Choir Newsletter

June 2015

Voice of the Valley Extends Global Reach

News has reached the Editor that that our newsletter is known in Illinois, USA.



The town of Peoria is home to the **Peoria Area Civic Chorale**, whose 'Recording Secretary' writes:-

"Hello from Peoria Illinois. Just to say that we love receiving the Voice of the Valley out here on the Prairies.

I'm on the board of a local choir - the Peoria Area Civic Chorale - and we've 'upped our game' with a newsletter based in part on leveraging (i.e. copying) your Voice of the Valley format and ideas. Thanks"



James Asquith (Tenor I)

It turns out that our correspondent is the Global Research Strategy Manager for **Caterpillar, Inc** – world -famous makers of earth-moving equipment, which has based its US and global Headquarters in Peoria, Illinois since the 1930's



But his links with Colne Valley Male Voice Choir are not just choral. By a strange coincidence he even shares a surname with that doyen of the first tenors, Edward Asquith.

Small world, eh!



Randal Thompson's Alleluia



A new piece for the choir!

To help members learn the words, Voice of the Valley is happy to set them down here,

Alleluia” - about 70 times followed by - **“Amen”**

To help members learn the tune - this version is one of the very few on YouTube just for male voices. It's a Choir of Orthodox Priests, based in Bucharest Romania by the - to us- not very memorable name of **“Corală Barbateasca Ortodoxa “TE DEUM LAUDAMUS”**

This Choir is closely connected with the University Music School in Bucharest. Their version of Alleluia is reckoned by some to be a bit too fast – but if the tempo is a little raised - it serves only to keep up the interest level in quite a long piece with some repeated themes

When Colne Valley get this piece performance-ready, it will be fantastic!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHm_AceUKn0

Grand Summer Concert

Readers are reminded about the Grand Summer Concert at Holmfirth Civic Hall on the 13th of June.

This is our joint concert with the Hade Edge Band. The Choir can be confident this concert will be a success only by ensuring enough tickets are sold. It will certainly be a much better occasion if we are performing to a full-house – so get those tickets sales moving, please!

Hade Edge Band & Colne Valley MVC

present

GRAND SUMMER CONCERT

Colne Valley Male Voice Choir

Hade Edge Band

Saturday June 13th, 2015

Holmfirth Civic Hall, HD9 3AS

Tickets £10 - Concessions £8

7pm - Doors open 6.30pm

Tickets available by calling:

01484 361671(Band) or 01484 846262(Choir)

Local Outlets or at the door, subject to availability

More Land's End Memories

It was a bit chilly at Lands End, on that Sunday morning, May 3rd, the day after our victory.



Colne Valley men kept out of a sharp wind to watch New Mill MV Choir do their set



You'll never walk, again!

Yes, that song's come out again – 'You'll Never Walk Alone'

I guess we'll be doing it at our **Grand Summer Concert** with Hade Edge band, playing the accompaniment – and what could be better?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzS1Ywo-JuE>

To put you in the mood here is Il Divo – an ensemble whose work the Choir has tracked in previous concerts with pieces such as, “Nella Fantasia”. They sing, “You'll never walk....” in their own distinctive style on this clip. It's a song that has been recorded hundreds of times since it appeared in the musical, 'Carousel' in 1945. Though, personally I prefer the Tokyo Ska Paradise Orchestra's version.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZB5EfRSygb0>

And another family thing



These are the fabulous **Victory Sisters** – recreating the glamour of those WWII girl singing groups - and they are fabulous.

The one in the middle is called Liz Chadwick - alumna of Colne Valley High School and Kirklees music School. - and none other than the daughter of our former second-tenor, **Howard Chadwick**.

There are getting bookings all over the country and it's no surprise.

Click on the picture to get a sample of their glorious 1940's sound

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rHjGo2skq4&feature=youtu.be>

And another thing.....



Once again, it's well done Lindley Junior School! This time, for reaching the finals of the "Songs of Praise" School Choir of the Year Competition. The Colne Valley Men will be on stage with them again at **Concert on the Hill** on July 4th at the Rugby Ground at Salendine Nook

170 Club

"It used to be the **200 Club**," said distraught organiser, Les Stones, "But the truth is, we've been unable to sell the last few numbers this year.

It's rather sad. The 200 Club pays out half the income in prize money – which makes it very good odds on winning – so you'd think people would want some of that.

Then again the Choir keeps 50% of the income to pay for music and for Thom and Keith and all sorts of other stuff. Just the other week most Choir members got £50 off the costs of their trips to Cornwall. It's the 200 Club that pays towards that.

So you'd think people would be flocking to sign up. They win by getting a prize in the draw or they win by supporting a great choir – what's not to like?

Says Les, "Buy a number – or buy a number for your son or daughter or grandchild – it's only fifty quid and we'd be very grateful!"



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