



## Getting ready for Concert on the Hill

Popular songs from three choirs - Colne Valley Male Voice Choir, Honley and the wonderful Lindley Juniors - the stirring soprano, Julia Garbutt, and with the always excellent Lindley Brass Band anchoring the evening at Salendine Nook Rugby Ground

What could be better?

Well just the '**Last of the Proms**' high jinks from all the performers with the flag-waving audience joining in as the sun goes down and fireworks explode into riotous colour and noise over the back of the stage in a spectacular finale!

You've just got to be there.

Saturday next - July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00pm  
YMCA Sports Ground (HD3 3XF for satnav)



# A Night to Remember at the Carding Shed

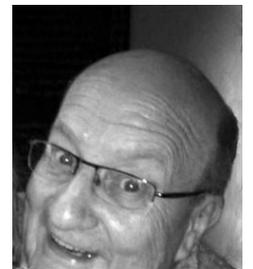
Sunday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup> – at the ‘Oilcan Café’ – Hepworth’s ‘Carding Shed’ venue – proved to be a night to remember for Colne Valley Male Voice Choir and its sell-out audience.

Billed as a ‘Supper Concert’ the Carding Shed laid on pie and peas, hospitality, a decent bar and a venue that was convivial and friendly.

Colne Valley, for its part, laid on a concert of popular music, by turns ‘sing-along’, by turns, achingly beautiful. The audience brought warmth, enthusiasm and a friendly reception and that, in turn, brought out the best in the singers.



Alongside the Choir were star-turns from second tenor, **Tom Law** and, a bit later, a good song and a funny story from the ever-popular, ‘cheeky chappy’, **Raymond Ellis**.



But that was only the start!

During the long interval, whilst people enjoyed their supper, ‘new boy’, **Steve Uttley** – and not such a new boy – **James Cooke** performed well-loved ballads from Sinatra and his contemporaries.

Their fabulous cabaret - in itself worth the price of admission - culminated in the duet, ‘**Me and my shadow**’ a hugely enjoyable climax to a great set.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5hXlGkzZ9k>

In the second half, the Choir excelled notably with love songs and the Elvis classic, '**The Wonder of You**'. By popular demand, **Thom** and the Choir did, '**You Raise Me Up**' to huge acclaim.

Then back came, **Simon Durrans**, and his guitar - he'd just played the solo to the Elvis number - to do a short set on his own, everyone joining in his last song, '**Bye Bye Miss American Pie**' and whooping with delight.



For Don McLean's original click on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAsV5-Hv-7U>

And after the next Choir set, it was **Thom Meredith's** turn. Scorning all accompaniment, he sang the folk song and lament, '**She moved through the Fair**' to an audience hushed by its beauty.

Finally, the Choir, dispersed around and amongst the audience as Thom made his thanks and then we closed the evening with 'The Irish Blessing'. The audience was surrounded by harmony. When the Choir ended, its last bars fading into nothingness, some of the audience were literally in tears and then came the warm applause.

We can't say we'll definitely be back at the Carding Shed – but Voice of the Valley feels confident that Colne Valley men would like to see it happen.

# Highlights of the AGM .....

## There weren't any.....

Well, maybe a couple:-

Steve Uttley was chosen to join the Management Committee. Treasurer, Keith Fielding, demonstrated that the accounts were in much better shape than they appeared to be at first glance.



And Chairman, **Peter Denby**, talked engagingly about his life in music from 1947 to today, concluding that Colne Valley Male Voice Choir has a great future ahead of it. He added that the forthcoming initiative to 'Bring a Friend to Rehearsal' is one that members should actively support.

## Three noteworthy facts from David Hirst's Music Committee report:-

1. In 2015, the Choir did **44 different pieces** at **17 events** (counting our Cornwall tour as 5).
2. The most-performed number in the 18 months to June was, '**Requiem for a Soldier**', which we sang **9** times.
3. When we go to Scarborough next, we'll perform our **82<sup>nd</sup>** different item, since we first went there in 2008 - about **9** new items every year.



## The Chairman urges, "Don't forget the 200 Club."



Just one pound a week buys you one of the 200 Club numbers.

There's a good chance of winning:  
£45 in prize money weekly,  
£185 in the monthly draw and two whopping £1,000 draws each year.

Even if you don't win, you win - because half of the fund supports Choir concerts and performances.

Contact Choir Secretary, Jenny, on **01484 645192**

# Portrait of my Love



Norman Newall and Cyril Ornadel's ballad was a big hit for Matt Munro, the singing bus-driver, in 1960, reaching N°3 in the British pop charts. It's still heard on a daily basis, having had more than two million radio plays to date.

Colne Valley men sang this piece at our recent Carding Shed concert and we'll be doing it again along with other romantic 'standards' at 'Concert on the Hill' on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaFw7R0sk\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaFw7R0sk_g)

*“There could never be a portrait of my love,  
For nobody could paint a dream...”*

*(except perhaps Salvador Dali and a lot of others)*

This version - with a Beach Boys feel is by 'The Tokens'.

They made it to N° 37 in the American charts in 1967.

If you have internet access, follow the link below to hear it and to get you in the mood for Saturday's hi-jinks at the Sports Ground.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFqV6cQpRy8>



... and another thing...

**Colne Valley Boys  
and  
Kirklees Schools  
String Orchestra**  
Sunday 10th July 2016  
5.00 to 7.00pm  
@  
St James Church  
Station Road  
Slaithwaite  
Huddersfield  
HD7 5AW  
Tickets £5 - Children Free  
Tickets at the door  
Raffle and Refreshments

Our very own boys' choir has been on the rise lately, making a good showing in the National Festival for Music and Youth and impressive concert appearances.

Now comes a chance to support them in performance with the highly-talented **Kirklees Schools String Orchestra**.

**See them at Slaithwaite, St James on Sunday tea-time - July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Colne Valley Boys  
Open Rehearsal**  
Monday 11th July 2016  
5.30 to 6.30pm  
@  
Slaithwaite Conservative Club  
19 Britannia Road  
Slaithwaite  
Huddersfield  
HD7 5HF  
If you are male aged 8 to 18  
and enjoy singing  
Why not Join Us!  
Come along see if you like it  
No audition required  
[www.colnevalleyboys.com](http://www.colnevalleyboys.com)

The Boys will be fresh from their 'Promotional Tour round Kirklees Primary schools. They are doing short performances in a number of local schools to demonstrate that boys can and do enjoy singing.

They also want to increase their numbers and replace boys who have moved on to new challenges in their lives.

To that end, they will be holding an **Open Rehearsal on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

If you know of any youngsters, who might get something from singing with other lads – please encourage them to come along that evening and give it a try.



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**[colnevalleymvc.org.uk](http://colnevalleymvc.org.uk)**

