



(not a farming magazine)

## Concert on the Hill July 2nd 2016.

Concert on the Hill, has been staged at the Laund Hill Sports ground for the last 17 years. It is an outdoor event where the great traditions of Yorkshire are brought together; an award winning brass band - Lindley Brass Band - and two great male voice choirs - Honley and Colne Valley - plus the prize-winning Lindley Junior School Choir. The format is similar to the 'Last Night of the Proms', and completed with a spectacular firework finale.

Every year families from all over Huddersfield and Yorkshire converge on this idyllic sports arena to watch top quality local musicians perform the true British classics of years past; Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia, God Save the Queen. They bring picnics, tables and chairs, gazebos, even candelabra.



The atmosphere is informal and epitomises Yorkshire friendliness, every one wandering about marvelling at the efforts that people have gone to for an evening of classical entertainment.





The spectacle is finished with a dazzling firework display in time to the music. After which many spectators and performers retire to the sports club house for yet more refreshment.

The Huddersfield Examiner describes the event as "a night of music and merriment".

Come and join us for a night to remember.

**CONCERT  
ON THE HILL**

AN OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA NOT TO BE MISSED!

at the YMCA Sports Ground  
Salendine Nook, Huddersfield

**Sat July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

Lindley Band, Colne Valley  
& Honley MVC and Julia Garbutt

**FEATURING**

*With Special Guests*  
Sundown Swing  
Lindley Junior School's Award Winning Choir

**GRAND FIREWORK FINALE**

Gates open 5.00pm, Concert Starts 7.00pm

# Crimson Hussars

A 100 year-old curiosity of operetta is coming back into the Colne Valley Male Voice Choir repertoire: **'She was the Colonel of the Crimson Hussars'** from **'Sybil'**. Sybil, the eponymous heroine is the 'Colonel'. She sings with a chorus of young military types. Colne Valley men fit the role of 'young military types' almost perfectly and **Victoria Sharp** will play the brave hussar.



**Victor Jacobi**, the composer of "**Szibill**", was born in Hungary in 1883. He studied at the Academy of Music in Budapest. This, his most famous operetta, was first seen in Budapest in 1914 and was then due to be performed in England.



The London debut, however, was cancelled because of the beginning of World War I. The English-language version, with lyrics by Harry Graham, finally premiered in 1916 at the Liberty Theatre in New York City. Jacobi strayed on in the United States until his death at the early age of 38.

*She was the Captain of the Crimson Hussars  
She wore an eye-glass and smoked chocolate cigars  
Vet'rans and raw recruits, gave her their best salutes  
She was the Captain of the Crimson Hussars*

*Then give three cheers, whenever she appears  
And let the band boom out some stirring bars  
With loyal hearts today, we honour and obey  
The Colonel of the fifty-fifth Hussars!*

*She was the Colonel of the Crimson Hussars  
And on the battlefield her eyes shone like stars  
As with her cheeks aglow, she vanquished every foe  
She was the Colonel of the Crimson Hussars.*

With internet access you can follow this link for a VotV Video excerpt from this operatic fantasy.

[https://youtu.be/tNIAd\\_c9M-w](https://youtu.be/tNIAd_c9M-w)

## Supper Concert at the Carding Shed in Hepworth

A poster for a concert. At the top left, a red stamp with white text says "SORRY! SOLD OUT". In the center, there is a logo for "THE CARDING SHED HEPWORTH" featuring a circular emblem with a carding machine. Below the logo, the text reads "Colne Valley Male Voice Choir Concert- Sunday 12th June from 6.30pm". The background of the poster has a blue and white geometric pattern.





# Mascagni's greatest work

Pietro Mascagni completed his most famous composition, **Cavalleria Rusticana**, in May 1889 and sent the manuscript to Milan. In February of the following year he was summoned to Rome to present his opera.

The première was held at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome. It had outstanding success, and the opera was soon performed all over Italy: Florence, Turin, Bologna, Palermo, Genoa, Naples, Venice and Trieste. In December, **Gustav Mahler** conducted the opera in Budapest.

Soon after, the cities of Munich, Hamburg, St. Petersburg, Dresden and Buenos Aires welcomed the opera. In March 1891, it was sung in Vienna.

At age 26, Mascagni had become internationally famous.

## Why mention these facts?



Well, the jewel of this opera, is another gem soon to be revived by **Colne Valley Male Voice Choir**.

We'll be working to support our long-time Opera North collaborator, the very wonderful soprano, **Victoria Sharp** at the **Scarborough Music Festival** in August 2016.

The piece, based on Mascagni's intermezzo, has been arranged for soprano soloist and male voices and, in Fred Weatherly's English lyrics, is usually known as '**Easter Hymn**'

Those with internet access can follow the link below to hear a fabulous version by **Elina Garanča**, accompanied by the **Kammerchor der Frauenkirche** and the **Sächsischer Staatsopernchor** of Dresden under **Pablo Heras-Carado**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjhuGv-CTQM>

I guarantee you'll enjoy it and – live - on Saturday evening on the **20<sup>th</sup> of August** in the **Queen Street Central Mission Hall** in Scarborough, with the masterly piano accompaniment of **Keith Swallow**, it'll be even better!

Get the date in your diary now!





Cavalleria Rusticana with Elīna Garanča

## Philip battles illness

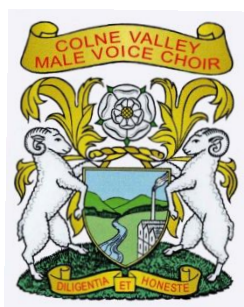
There's been no Philip at the piano these last couple of weeks. Choir members have missed our stand-in pianist and conductor, at two recent rehearsals.

"He's been having a tough time. He's as weak as a pixie" reported brother, Stuart, "But his treatment is progressing."

Voice of the Valley, with full confidence that it is speaking for the entire Choir, says:-

**'Get well soon, Philip.'**

**'We look forward to seeing you back at the keys!'**



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