



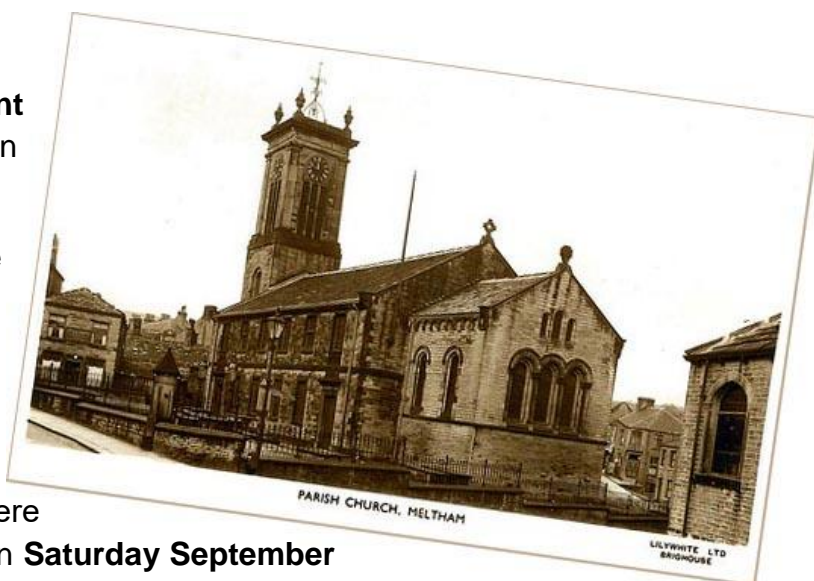
Our next concert...

Our next engagement is to be at **Saint Bartholomew's** – the Parish church in **Meltham**.

Baritone, Choir chaplain and part of the Parish clergy team, the reverend **John Radcliffe**, has been asking the Choir to come for several years now and we are happy



we are finally able to oblige. We'll be there from 7:00pm at the Church (HD9 5NW) on **Saturday September 17th** (concert starts at 7:30) and we'd be pleased to see you.



Our fine solo soprano, **Stephanie Hellawell** will be doing her own pieces, no doubt, but also will be providing the Choir with an opportunity to perform, once again, the fabulous, '**Easter Hymn**' from Mascagni's opera **Cavalliera Rusticana** - the piece that was such a success at our recent visit to Scarborough.

We'll also be able to perform, for the second time, **Philip Baxter's** new arrangement of '**At the End of the Day**'. Philip - our rehearsal pianist - has not been well and couldn't get to Scarborough for the premiere but we hope he'll be there for this second outing. We certainly expect to see our other keyboard maestro, **Keith Swallow**, doing a solo spot.



Tony in the wars

Leader of the first tenors, Arthur Quarmby, has been sent a reasonable excuse for missing rehearsals from fellow first tenor, **Tony Ackroyd**.



30 July 2016

Hi Arthur,

Just to let you know that I have had accident this week.

Broken right wrist, left thumb and toe plus head injuries. I will be going to Scarborough but not singing. I have pots on both hands which won't go down the sleeve of my Choir uniform. And I don't think I will be able to get to rehearsal beforehand.

Sorry about it, must be more careful!



VotV understands Tony was attempting to tap-dance down a staircase.

It could have looked very much like a scene in this 'must see' 'mash-up' of music and dance in classic movies from the years of his boyhood.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1F0IBnsnKE

Gallant Tony may not be ready to perform but he did make it to the Scarborough concert to support the Choir. Well done, Tony. We look forward to seeing you back in one piece.

New singers welcome....

"We want new chaps to join the Choir." That's the main message from **Rob Rosborough**, Vice-Chairman of the Choir and his colleague, **Ken Parkin**, Media Relations Officer.

"What the Choir's about" says Rob, "Is bringing together men with ordinary voices and ordinary lives to make extraordinary music.

And we could do to bring in a good few new singers!



Open rehearsal....

So we are having an Open Rehearsal. We'll be looking for men of all ages to join us on **Monday October 3rd at 7:30** in our rehearsal room in **Slaithwaite**. (We're producing a publicity leaflet and would like Choir members and supporters to help get it circulated as widely as possible.)



Just come along and sit and listen or come and join in. You'll be able to see what the Choir is all about and we think you'll like it!"

"We know that many of our new people were a bit bothered, beforehand, that they wouldn't be good enough. But don't worry If you can't read music or if you haven't sung for years. We'll make you welcome." says Ken, "Whatever age you are and however inexperienced. We're a friendly bunch and we get the benefit of **Thom Meredith** leading the singing. He's a lovely bloke and one of the best vocal coaches there is."

Bring a friend....

That's Ken and Rob's plea to existing members. "If each of our singers just persuaded a friend, a workmate or a neighbour to join us for our Open Rehearsal we'd boost our membership instantly.

So we are urging every singer to come along with a friend on October 3rd."

For details of this event and more info about the Choir check out the website: <http://colnevalleymvc.org.uk/>



The Armed Man



www.honleyladies.co.uk

Those wonderful women of **Honley Ladies Choir** have been in touch. They are looking for men to join up with them to perform Carl Jenkins' 'Armed Man' at **Huddersfield Town Hall** on **Friday November 4th**.

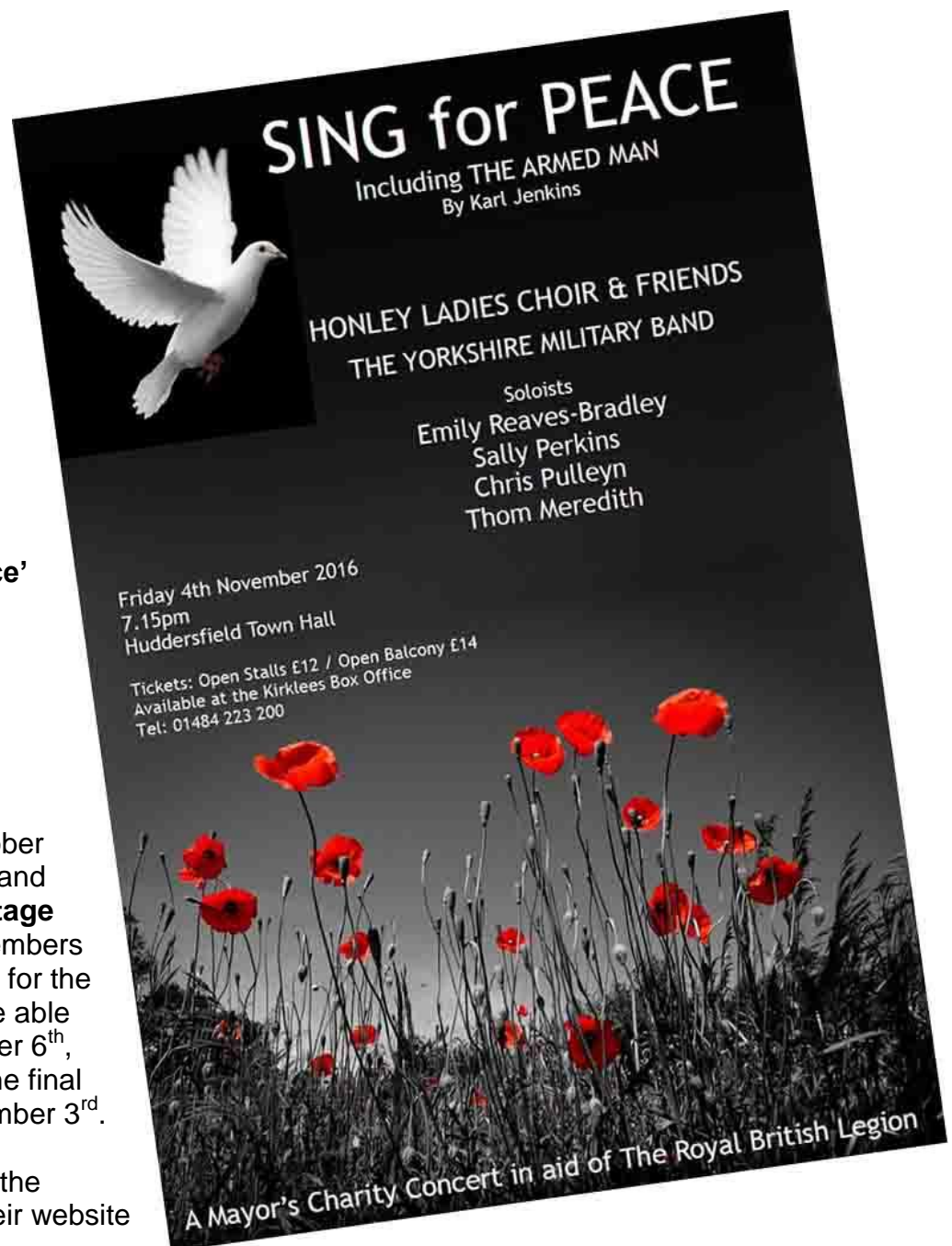
(Our very own **Chris Pulleyn** and **Thom Meredith** will be among the soloists.)

The concert, '**Sing for Peace**' will be in aid of the Mayor's Charity and as well as the Jenkins masterpiece, the programme will include **Parry's**, '**I was Glad**' and **Karl Orff's**, '**O Fortuna**'.

Rehearsals will start in October with rehearsals on Monday and Thursday evenings at **Armitage Bridge**. (Sadly CVMVC members will have prior commitments for the Monday practices but will be able to join on Thursdays, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th and in the final practice on Thursday November 3rd).

For more information about the Honley Ladies check out their website (at the location above).

And to be part of this exciting musical venture, you can register by contacting **Ann Talboys** on 01484 665843.



Batley Variety Club and CVMVC



Many a *VotV* reader will have noted that the **Batley Variety Club** closed at the end of July for its final time.

For many years after it opened with **The Bachelors** as its main attraction in 1967, the club played host to a remarkable list of top talent in popular music – stars you would hardly credit would be seen dead in a place like Batley. (no offense)

Up to 2,000 people would turn out to see the international and British 'Top-of-the-Bill' acts of their day; **Matt Munro**, **Tommy Cooper**, **Val Doonican**, **Roy Orbison** and **The Temperance Seven**.

People fondly remember not only seeing **Morecombe and Wise**, **Lulu**, **Gerry and the Pacemakers** or **Englebert Humperdinck** but also eating trendy new-style 'Chicken in a Basket'



Perhaps the biggest stars were **Shirley Bassey** and **Louis Armstrong**.





What many readers won't know....

What many readers won't know is that **Colne Valley Male Voice Choir** also played the **Batley Variety Club**! We were the guest act in a fund-raising, charity concert put on in December 2006 to support Macmillan Nurses. Apart from the thrill of performing in such an iconic venue - even then past its glory days - the concert was otherwise unremarkable. But we were there - on the same stage as **PJ Proby**, **Acker Bilk** and the **Beverly Sisters**!

Readers with a taste for nostalgia will enjoy this film from 1982.

Follow the link below the picture to see it.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGzSruor2Y>

And another thing.....



The highlight of this year's **Scarborough Music Festival** (at least in the opinion of the **VotV** editor) was our favourite soprano, **Vicky Sharp**, (accompanied by **Keith Swallow**) singing a thrilling operatic aria.

But most of us listeners, whether in the Choir or in the audience, probably would have been at a loss to put a name to the piece that had us enthralled.

Well **VotV** can help! The aria was '**Casta Diva**' from **Bellini's** opera, '**Norma**'.

And, for your delight, you can listen again by clicking on the picture on the right or on the link below. This time the performer is **Anna Netrebko** with full orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JISodSvo1Lg>



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