



We are getting ready for the Town Hall Concert



The men of the Colne Valley are rehearsing seriously now, in order to give our Christmas Concert at the magnificent Town Hall. Once again we have invited our very own Colne Valley Boys to join us and we'll have, as our main guests, one of the world's finest brass bands, **Brighouse and Rastrick Band** onstage with us. It'll be great - it usually is.

If you haven't got your tickets yet, don't delay – book online via this link. Or phone 01484 225755

https://tickets.kirklees.gov.uk/en-GB/events/colne%20valley%20mvc%20christmas%20spectacular%20with%20brighouse%20-%20rastrick%20band/2022-12-11_19.15/huddersfield%20town%20hall



Box Office: 01484 225755

Colne Valley MVC Christmas Spectacular with Brighouse & Rastrick Band
Sunday 11th December 2022 | 7:15pm | Huddersfield Town Hall

Order
Tickets

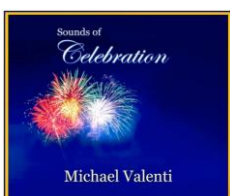
A taster for Christmas

One of the pieces that our guests, **Brighouse and Rastrick Band** will be offering on Sunday 11th is **Michael Valenti's, 'Winter'** from his opus, '**Carolina Seasons**'.

It's a terrific piece and you can be sure that B&R, newly-awarded **British Open Champions**, will more than do it justice. This version is by the 'New Jersey Wind Symphony'. It'll give you a taste of the pleasures to come.



Trombone
Player,
**Ellena
Watkins**
will be doing a
solo in the
Town Hall
Concert



Click here to get a taste of 'Winter' from Carolina Seasons

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

A bit bothered about parking?

Voice of the Valley is aware, that some potential audience members are a bit bothered about parking, ever since the Council Car Park just beside the Town Hall was demolished a while back. Well, you don't need to be concerned, there's plenty of parking within a short walk of the Town Hall (and if you need be you can drop frailer concert-goers off by the Corporation Street entrance before you park).

Remember there is probably plenty of on-road parking available after 6.00 pm but if you prefer - as most do - an off-road car space, there are still plenty. Here's the information you need:-

Here are options for over 800 free parking places for the Sunday evening (after 6pm) on the evening of the concert. Please check when you park that they still remain FREE.

Nearest & best option for those with mobility issues- Free on Sunday - (114 spaces)

Wilko
Alfred Street
HD1 2TT

Best option as free after 6pm and still close (124 places)

Kirklees Council
Civic Centre Albion Street
HD1 2NW

Nearby but not such a good option for those with mobility issues (43 places)

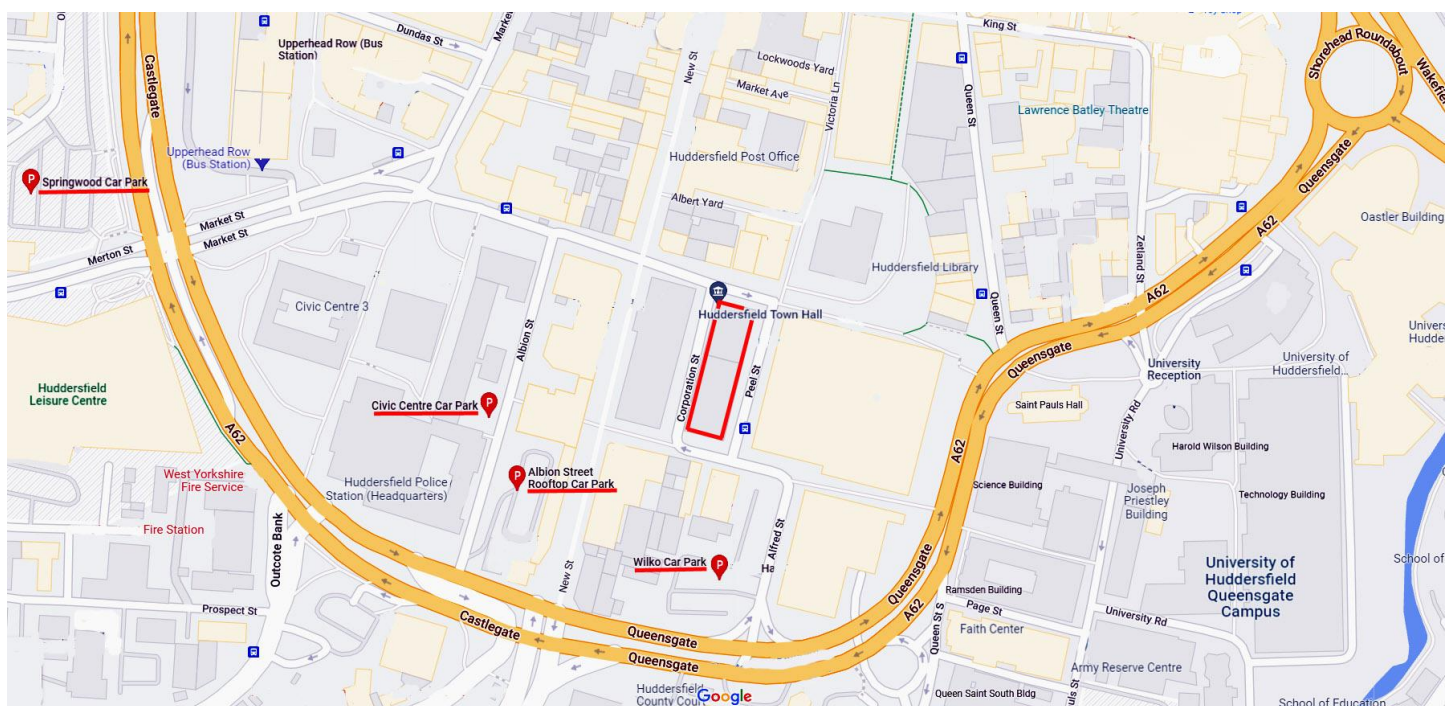
Kirklees Council
Albion Street Roof
HD1 2NW

Large car park -Free after 6pm but 0.3 mile away 10 minutes walk - (324 spaces)

Kirklees Council
Springwood Street
HD1 4BE

Free on Sunday but 0.6 mile away 15 minutes walk - (200 spaces)

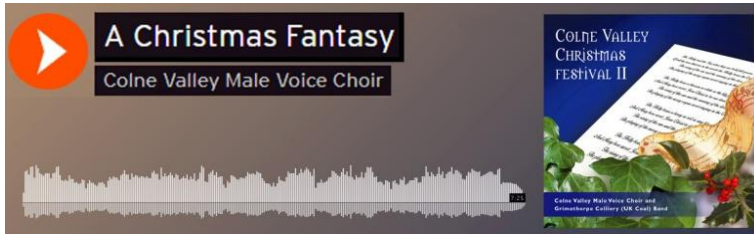
Old College (previously Huddersfield Technical College)
New North Road
HD1 5LN



Another taster

Way back in 2007 we performed at the Town Hall with another fine band, **Grimethorpe Colliery Band** (still internationally famous from the film, '**Brassed Off**').

Colne Valley Male Voice Choir and the band recorded this terrific live performance of Gordon Langford's, **Christmas Fantasy**.



<https://soundcloud.com/john-clark-124140241/a-christmas-fantasy>

Click on the image to have a listen. We'll be doing it again to round off our Concert on December 11th with Brighouse and Rastrick providing the glorious accompaniment.



New guy, Steve Molinari

Choir Secretary, **Jenny Baxter**, was pleased to announce the other week that a new singer had passed his audition.

He was formally welcomed as a member of the basses and in time to learn the Christmas pieces for our upcoming Christmas Concerts.

The Choir gave the announcement a desultory clap: the nearest we get to a warm welcome, that probably meant that we were very pleased to meet him, that we look forward to knowing him better and that we wish him many years of joyful music-making with us.

Steve didn't comment at the time. But he did agree to have his picture taken and sent your Editor this nice note:-

*'Hi, my name is Steve Molinari, a proud Yorkshireman/Englishman. I was born on **Ilkley Moor**, but brought up in Canada and so have allegiance to both countries. I have now returned to England and have lived in Huddersfield for the past 17 years.*

At the end of August, my wife Rosie and I were enjoying a fine, dark ale at the Riverhead Brewery Tap pub in Marsden, when a couple of gentlemen joined our table. They asked if we had been to the concert by the Male Voice Choir at the local church, of which one of them (Trevor) was a member. We answered no, but I mentioned that I enjoyed music and singing - and that my mother and her brother sang competitively, and my son is a talented musician ... so it seems music is in the blood.

Trevor invited me along to a practice and with the encouragement of Rosie, I took him up on it and I have been coming along ever since. We also attended the concerts at Scarborough Music Festival and the Centenary Celebration with the Coldstream Guards, both of which we greatly enjoyed. I am really looking forward to singing with you all at the upcoming Christmas Spectacular and getting to know you all better.'

More lovely music

Sunday, December 4th will be quite a day for local singing fans. In the afternoon, there's the **Colne Valley Boys Christmas Concert** at St James in Slaithwaite with their **guest Musica Youth Strings** - recently back from a triumphant performance at the **Royal Albert Hall** in the **Music for Youth, Schools Prom. Thom Meredith** will be conducting – don't be surprised if some of the Colne Valley men don't come out of the audience to lend their Voices to the final number.

It's a concert that, as Secretary Jenny says, 'Always makes a lovely start to the Christmas season.'

Colne Valley Boys
Present
A Christmas Festival



Featuring
Musica Youth Strings
Colne Valley Boys

St James Parish Church, Church Street, Slaithwaite, HD7 5AW
Sunday, 4th December, 2022
Starts 3pm
Doors Open 2.30pm

Adults £7 Children under 14 Free
Refreshments/Raffle

And then there's more....

Yes, later on that same day, Sunday 4th December, you can go along and revel in the 'Sing-it Yourself Messiah' at Lindley. It's an evening performance and will feature several of the Choir in the chorus and male soloists, dear to the hearts of Colne Valley singers .

The OUTLANE Singers

Come and Sing 'Messiah'

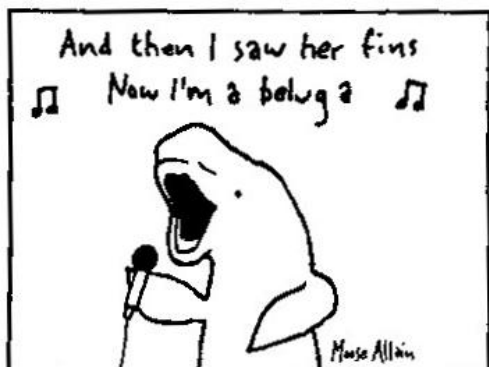
Soprano	Rhianydd Beaumont
Mezzo-soprano	Sally Perkins
Tenor	Chris Pulleyn
Bass	Thom Meredith
Organist	Malcolm Hinchliffe
Conductor	Suzanne Smelt

Sunday 4th December 7pm

St Stephen's Church - Lindley - HD3 3JB



Well it made me smile....



I quite liked this cartoon, which fans of The Monkees will get straightaway. Younger readers might appreciate this newer version by Smash Mouth of their big 1967 hit, 'I'm a Believer'. That made me smile, too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mYBSayCsh0>



And don't forget ...

...our special Marsden Christmas do

A village favourite - and attracting folk from miles around, the wonderful **Marsden Silver Prize Bands' annual Christmas Concert** at the Parish Church, with their usual guests, **Colne Valley Male Voice Choir**. It's on Saturday December 17th **It's always a joyful occasion** - Don't miss it.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PRESENTS A
Christmas Concert
on
Saturday, 17th December 2022 at 7.30pm

MARSDEN SILVER PRIZE BAND
Musical Director: Andrew Lofthouse

COLNE VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR
Musical Director: Thom Meredith
Accompanist: Chris Pulleyn

Compere: Barney Stevenson

Available From: The Village Green
Choir or Band Members
St. Bartholomew's Church
Cafe Thursdays 9:30 - 13:30

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, MARSDEN HD7 6DJ
07746 952344

TICKETS: £10
Children: £5

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A pleasure in store



Voice
of the
Valley

talks to
Thom Meredith

See this fascinating interview in the Christmas Edition



Send me a picture, tell me a story

Many of our readers find Voice of the Valley an excellent way of keeping in touch with the Choir and what it's up to. So do let your Editor know if something happens to you that might be of interest and has some - even if tenuous - connection with the Choir. It doesn't matter if you are not very confident writing, I'll help you put into publishable shape. It's always nice to get Readers' contributions.

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