



Do come - it's a lovely event

Yes, **Colne Valley Boys** are starting Christmas early with a concert at Saint James's in Slaithwaite on Sunday afternoon.

And it's an event that you'll be pleased you managed to attend once you get there.

The Boys and their guests, the very talented **Musica Big Band**, will provide lots of entertainment to put you in a good mood for the rest of the day - and probably for the week ahead.





Trevor gets a good send off

'Cheeky Chappie' second tenor, Trevor Bower get a good send-off the other day as many friends and relations gathered together to celebrate a wonderful life that came to an end in October.

Many Choir members fondly recall his brilliant, comic monologue delivered to great amusement at an impromptu music event in our Cornwall hotel the last time we travelled there to compete. Voice of the Valley has managed to find it and hopes that it triggers happy recollections of him reciting it so endearingly.

It still makes me smile.

PETEY THE SNAKE WHO LOVED TO HISS

Petey was a snake, only so big. Petey lived in a pit with his mother.

One day Petey was hissing in the pit when his mother said, "Petey, don't hiss in the pit, go outside the pit to hiss."

So Petey went outside of the pit to hiss.

Petey was hissing all around when he finally leaned over and hissed in the pit.

Petey's mother heard Petey hissing in the pit and said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, go over to Mrs. Pott's pit and hiss in her pit."

Petey went over to Mrs. Pott's pit to hiss in her pit, but Mrs. Pott was not at home so he hissed in her pit anyway.

While Petey was hissing in Mrs. Pott's pit, Mrs. Pott came home and found Petey hissing in her pit. She said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, don't hiss in my pit; go to your own pit and hiss."

This made Petey very sad, and he cried all the way home. When Petey got home, his mother saw him crying and said, "Petey, what's the matter?"

Petey said, "I went over to Mrs. Pott's to hiss in her pit but Mrs. Pott was not at home, so I hissed in her pit anyway. Mrs. Pott came home and found me hissing in her pit and said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit go to your pit and hiss, don't hiss in my pit."

This made Petey's mother very angry, and she said,

"Why that mean old Lady!

I knew Mrs. Pott when she didn't have a pit to hiss in."

Happy pit hissing everyone and 'Rest In Peace' Trevor



Cornwall trip abandoned

Rather sadly, the Choir has cancelled its plan to travel to Cornwall next April for International Male Voice Choir Competition and Festival.

It's a festival we've attended many times since 2005 as competitors and, once, just as singing guests. Three times we've come away with the designation 'Overall Best UK Choir' and we have enjoyed the many performances we delivered all over Cornwall - not least in the Eden Centre.



But the Management Committee decided that next year's trip is off. There are a variety of reasons: the organisers changed the classifications, seemed sometimes less than welcoming and failed to provide accommodation details in good time. And then the prices looked a bit 'over the top'.

It's a pity but probably a sound decision. And no one is ruling out a return in years to come.

Our substitute plan to return to the Llangollen Eisteddfod ran into timetabling clashes so we'll look to Wales for 2025 and we'll find another festival for next summer. (Of course we are still booked to compete in the 'Mrs Sunderland Music Festival' in the New Year.)

Rehearsals are brilliant

Your 'Voice of the Valley' editor can't tell you how many times he's overheard singers remarking on how well our pre-Christmas rehearsals are going. Our new Christmas pieces are fabulous and we are really getting to grips with them now. They are sounding great and getting still better every week. It's clear singers have been 'doing their homework' and most of us will be 'off-copy' by next Monday and putting the final touches to be 'performance brilliant'.

News of Brighouse and Rastrick Bands and the 'Boy's' repertoire has come in, too, and it's clear it's going to be a fabulous concert at the Town Hall on Sunday night, December 10th.



COLNE VALLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR
PRESENTS

A FESTIVE CELEBRATION

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
The Brighouse & Rastrick Band
AND
Colne Valley Boys

FEATURING BROADCASTER
Andrew Edwards
at Colne Valley

Sunday 10th December 2023
7:15pm | Huddersfield Town Hall

Tickets starting at £10 + booking fee | Discounts for children & NUS
Call 01484 225755 or visit www.kirklees.gov.uk/townhalls

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Tom Meredith
CO-DIRECTOR
Chris Puley

So, if you haven't yet got your tickets give them a call on **01484 225755** or 'Go Online' to Kirklees Booking and get them. You wouldn't want to miss the chance to be there. And have no fear, there's still plenty of parking close by!

Click on this link: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/town-halls/book-tickets.aspx>

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Book tickets

A Festive Celebration with Colne Valley MVC and Brighouse & Rastrick Band

Join Colne Valley Male Voice Choir for their annual, unmissable festive celebration full of music, magic, and Christmas cheer! Performing with The Brighouse & Rastrick Band and Colne Valley Boys, the choir takes to the stage to kick off the festive season in style. At this year's special event, we introduce broadcaster Andrew Edwards as our new compère - bringing extra sparkle to a wonderful evening of entertainment. With a selection of old favourites, reimagined classics, and new discoveries, there's something for everyone. Join us in celebrating Huddersfield's exceptional musical talent, and let the Christmas spirit brighten a gloomy December evening! Don't miss out!

Our wonderful band

At the Town Hall concert in a couple of weeks we'll be pleased to have once again as our guests the fine players of Brighouse & Rastrick.

It seems they are not just fine players however for it was recently announced that The Brighouse & Rastrick Band is to receive The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) 2023.

Congratulations have already been received from around the banding world after it was revealed that His Majesty the King approved the KAVS National Assessment Committee's recommendation and added that the Award represented 'a tremendous achievement, and that everyone connected with them should feel immensely proud'.



Fiercely proud

Speaking about the news, Band President, **Stephen Howes** said: *"This Award is for all the players, officials and volunteers that have played a part in the band's history and traditions since its formation in 1881.*

We remain as a public subscription band and fiercely proud of our independence.

This Award epitomises what Brighouse & Rastrick Band stands for and we are truly honoured to be recognised in this way."

Well done, you guys



It's Official - listening to music is good for your brain...

... and your body, too!

According to **Dr Michael Mosley**, music does you no end of good.

That'll come as no surprise to Colne Valley men or our audiences.



His programme, '**Just One Thing**' finds something every week that might boost your mental and physical health. This week, it was 'Music' that reappeared as a source of therapeutic benefit.

And it wasn't just him that says so.

He enlisted the support of a prominent academic, with the wonderful name of Psyche Loui, who detailed many of the ways her research shows how engaging with music is a boon to the individual and the community.

Hear his BBC Sounds programme on this link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001slnt>

Psyche Loui

Associate Professor, Northeastern University; a psychology and neuroscience researcher, a musician, Associate Professor of Creativity and Creative Practice and Director of the Music, Imaging, and Neural Dynamics Laboratory ([MIND Lab](#)) has a string of qualifications as long as your arm and looks like she enjoys fun in a punt.



Another date for your diary



SUBARTHLOMEW'S
Church - Marsden
Presents a

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring

MARSDEN SILVER PRIZE BAND
Musical Director Andrew Lofthouse

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

COMPERE: BARNEY STEVENSON

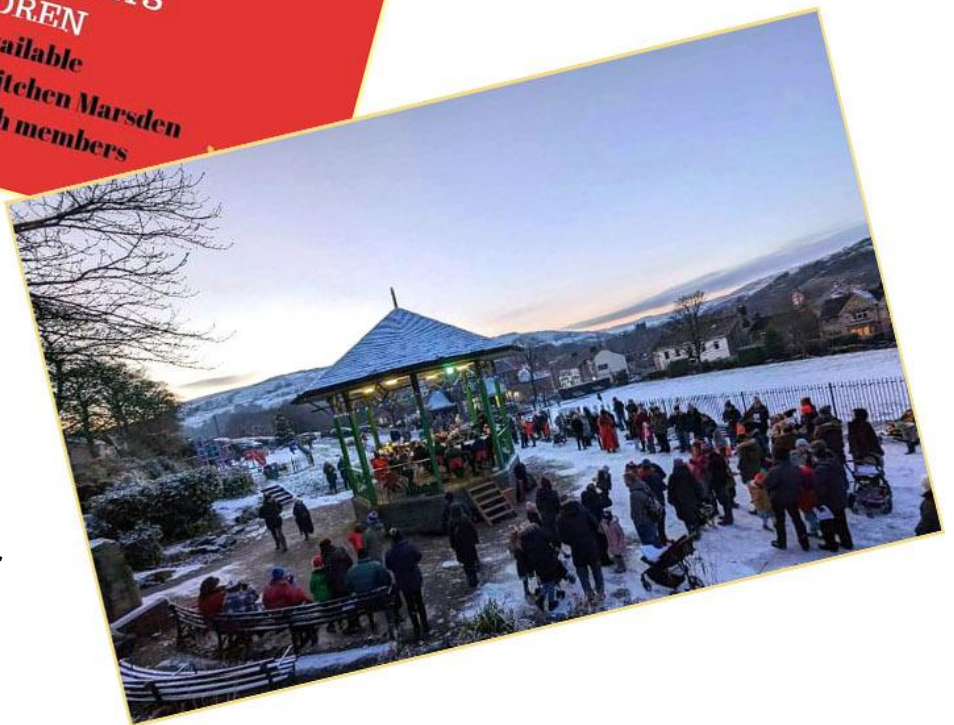
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023
7 pm start
Doors open 6.30pm

**TICKETS £12 ADULTS
£6 CHILDREN**
Tickets available
Katie's homemade kitchen Marsden
Choir and Church members

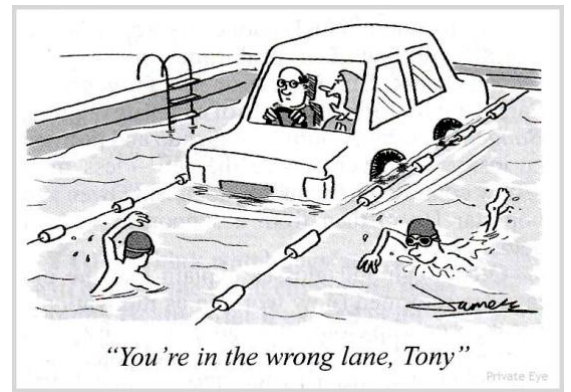
Once again the Choir will be Marsden Band's guests at the Parish Church.

Please note, this year it's on a **Sunday** evening.

It's always good fun - a real community event and a wonderful lead-in to the Christmas Festivities, proper. Don't miss it!



Well, it made me smile....



Nice Autumn Scene before winter sets in.

We are fortunate in Slaithwaite to be living in a place with lovely countryside. This bit of woodland is by Bradley Beck.



For the full picture of life in the Colne Valley - at least the life of its Male Voice Choir see our website and don't forget your Editor wants your story. As long as it has some connection - even if a little tenuous - with CVMVC, do get in touch

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