



HONLEY MAIL

Newsletter of Honley Male Voice Choir

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CHOIR NEWS

We are sad to record the death of Frank Horsley who was one of our Vice Presidents and had served the choir with distinction in several capacities during the twenty seven years he was a member. It was a mark of the love and respect we had for him that nearly every member of the choir turned out for his funeral at St. Mary's Church Honley.

Frank joined the choir as a tenor in 1971 and served as Chairman, Concert and Subscribers Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Music Committee Chairman and platform steward. He retired from the choir at the end of 1998 and was presented with Life Membership in 1999. Despite his long illness which he bore cheerfully with great courage he continued to support the choir, attending many of our concerts and social events and often popped in to the choir's pre-concert warm-ups to wish us well. Our thoughts are with his widow Jean to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

On a much happier note, we are delighted to congratulate Donald and Jean Swann on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. They will be celebrating with a party at Meltham Golf Club on 2nd December, but before then they will be sailing off in the Queen Mary II for a cruise around the Caribbean. We wish them all the best on this fantastic achievement and hope that they thoroughly enjoy their cruise.

Donald, of course, is currently the President of the choir, but over the 27 years that he has been in the choir he has held all the major offices on the Committee and has been a wonderful ambassador for us.



Congratulations also to Donald Kennedy of the Bass Section who has just become the Yorkshire Champion for the 15 Miles Race in the 40-45 age group . Just goes to show that we are not all “old fogies”

It is very pleasing to welcome yet another new member to the choir . Edward Wohlman has just joined the Bass Section and , at 25 years of age, does wonders for the average age of the choir. Edward has studied music and singing and has previously sung with the Huddersfield Choral Society Youth Choir. We hope that he will enjoy singing with Honley.

Would you believe it? Our local newspaper went to the trouble of sending a photographer to take a photo of the choir resplendent in their new, turquoise blazers and then went and published the picture in black and white! In case you missed it, here it is(in colour!):



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 9th December

A Service of Reading and Carols at St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge. This will start at 6.30pm and will be similar in format to the 9 Lessons and Carols, but with appropriate readings replacing the lessons. As well as listening to the choir you will have the opportunity to join in with some of the best loved Christmas carols. Light refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £6 each and can be obtained through Joe Ramsden (326352) or his assistant, Malcolm Wilson (661005 or e-mail at: wilsondeyne@aol.com) , through the church or on the door on the day.

Wednesday, 12th December

The choir will be leading the singing of the carols at Huddersfield Parish Church at the Lunchtime Carol Service organised by the local Society of Chartered Accountants. The service starts at 1.00pm and is always a very pleasant break from the ardour of Christmas shopping.

Saturday, 15th December

Our Annual Subscribers' Concert will be held in the Town Hall starting at 7.15pm. Once again we will be joined by the renowned Cory Band (formerly Buy as you View Band) who are the current British Open Champions and are ranked No. 1 in the world. Consistently in the top three bands nationally they come with their internationally known conductor, Dr Robert Childs and the world famous euphonium virtuoso, David Childs. This promises to be an excellent concert and, if you haven't already booked your ticket via the Subscribers Scheme, please obtain them from Tourist Information Offices in Huddersfield and Holmfirth. Tickets are selling very quickly so act now

Sunday, 16th December

This concert organised by Forget Me Not Trust is becoming a regular event in the choir's diary. Once again the venue will be Holmfirth Civic Hall and we will be joined on stage by the Meltham and Meltham Mills Band. Mince pies and coffee will be served during the interval and an excellent evening is guaranteed. Tickets cost £7 (£\$ for children) and are available from the Trust.

100 Club Winners

| DATE | WINNING No. | NAME | PRIZE |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 29.6.07 | 28 | B Lavin | £125 |
| 6.7.07 | 88 | Mrs E Horner | £30 |
| 13.7.07 | 29 | G Bulless | £30 |
| 20.7.07 | 42 | T Dodson | £30 |
| 27.7.07 | 44 | J Tait | £125 |
| 3.8.07 | 58 | M Booth | £30 |
| 10.8.07 | 46 | D Bullett | £30 |
| 17.8.07 | 60 | B Hopwwod | £30 |
| 24.8.07 | 8 | D Tolson | £30 |
| 31.8.07 | 30 | R Smith | £125 |
| 7.9.07 | 66 | A Cruickshank | £30 |
| 14.9.07 | 11 | R Smith | £30 |
| 21.9.07 | 16 | Mrs J Swann | £30 |
| 28.9.07 | 16 | Mrs j Swann | £500 |
| 3.10.07 | 20 | Mrs E Farrington | £30 |
| 10.10.07 | 85 | S Spooner | £30 |
| 17.10.07 | 58 | M Booth | £30 |
| 26.10.07 | 49 | M Jackson | £39 |
| 2.11.07 | 53 | M Vickers | £30 |

**Can we take this opportunity to wish all our subscribers, friends and supporters a very
Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year**