

HUDDERSFIELD CHORAL YOUTH CHOIRS

Spring 2019

Dear Friends of the Youth Choirs

Thank you for your continuing support of the Youth Choirs, which we greatly appreciate.

Since September 2018 the Choirs have rehearsed at Lindley Methodist Church; the move has helped the Choir's finances and we have been made most welcome. The number of singers, particularly those over 11 years, has increased substantially, but we will continue to recruit into all age groups.

This spring the Choirs have not promoted their own concerts; instead we have enjoyed being the guests of Honley Ladies Choir, Lindley Community Choir and of the Choral Society at their Subscriber concert. We hope that the text and photographs in the newsletter give a flavour of the activities of the Choirs.

The summer term will focus on building new repertoire and continuing to offer the singers a rich choral experience.

The dates of future Youth Choir concerts are as follows:

Summer concert 3pm on Sunday, 30 June 2019 Lindley Methodist Church,

Youth Choirs Christmas concert 3pm on Sunday, 1 December 2019 Holy Trinity Church,

Guests at the following concerts:

HCS Subscriber concert Friday, 1 November 2019 Huddersfield Town Hall

HCS Christmas concert Friday, 6 December 2019 Huddersfield Town Hall

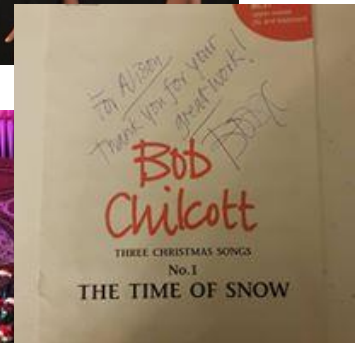
Lindley Band Gala Concert Friday, 20 December 2019 venue to be confirmed

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These are exciting times for all the singers in the Youth Choirs. We had a busy Christmas schedule taking part in three major concerts including the Youth Choirs' "Countdown to Christmas" concert in Huddersfield Parish Church, sponsored by Business Voice; the HCS Christmas concert conducted by Bob Chilcott; and the Lindley Band Gala Concert.



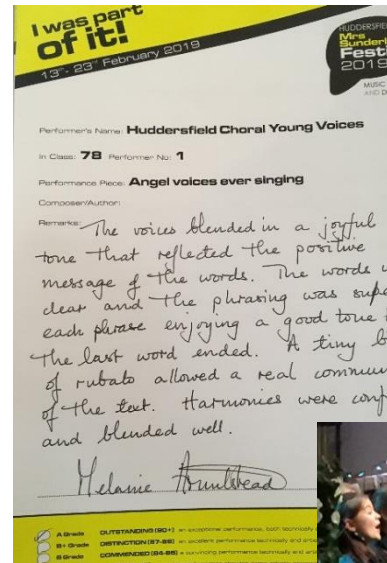
We began 2019 with the exciting prospect of learning new repertoire for music festivals and concerts. The Mrs Sunderland Festival, celebrating its 130th Annual Festival, offers a variety of classes for choirs, drawing entries from across the north of England. Young Voices took part in two classes, coming second in each, whilst Vocalise took joint second in the 'Young People's Choir 21 years and under' class out of nine choirs,



In March, all three Youth Choirs were delighted to take part in "The Greatest Show", alongside dancers, choirs and a flautist. This exciting production, which virtually filled Huddersfield Town Hall, was promoted by Honley Ladies Choir, whose Chairman is Carole Kain, the Choir Secretary for the Youth Choirs.



Just a week later, the Youth Choirs joined Lindley Community Choir in a sell-out concert for the 'Northorpe Hall Child and Family Trust' at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, which raised £2,525 for the charity. Alison North, MBE, our Musical Director, started and conducts Lindley Community Choir and some of our members sing in both choirs.



We are thrilled to join HCS at their spring Subscriber concert on 12th April to sing O'Regan's "A Celestial Map of the Sky".



The summer term will be an opportunity to introduce yet more repertoire, to recruit more members and to simply enjoy singing together. The season ends with a Youth Choir concert on Sunday 30th June at Lindley Methodist Church at 3pm, followed by a social event for members at the last rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd July.

