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# Voice • Male



The news from Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

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## Success at St James' Church

It gave enormous joy to the choir to sing their first concert on 18<sup>th</sup> February at St James' Church in their smart new uniform.

The accompanying musical trio, *Arquebus* played quite a different style of music than perhaps the audience and the choir were used to. But it went down a storm in the

packed church.

Also, there were some warm words from the discerning Musical Director, Nick Thomas who thought that the choir were not too shabby.

*"Hi all.*

*Well done and thanks for a generally great performance last Saturday. You can always tell when the audience are happy when there is a buzz as they are exiting the venue. We looked very*





*Arquebus Trio*

***smart in the new gear and you all looked very proud to be wearing it."***

***"As for the singing, there were a few little hiccups but nothing that the audience would have noticed apart from the false start at the very beginning of Let all men sing. If this happens, I feel it is always best to press the reset button and start again and this proved to be the best action."***

***"Well done Duncan for a great solo in Bui Doi. This song was very moving."***

***"Arquebus trio were a great and a fitting change to our usual supporting act, and they were very***

***pleased to be performing and being very much appreciated by a very different audience than they were used to."***

In attendance were the choir patrons, Councillor Sue Lees and Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey. Both spoke to your editor saying how much they enjoyed the varied and innovative musical evening.

All proceeds from the concert went to **Cancer Research UK**.



# Cork Choral 2023 Choir Itinerary

## Wednesday April 26th

### **Fishguard ferry at 1pm**

The coach needs to be in the queue by 11.30am. We need to LEAVE Queens at 6.45am.

### **Rosslare Harbour at 4.30pm.**

The coach will then take us straight to Dooleys Hotel on Merchant's Quay in Waterford

### **Arrive at Dooleys by 6.30pm**

An early dinner is booked for everyone.

## Thursday. April 27th

Visit the ancient town of Waterford and have lunch. Leave at 1pm

### **Midleton Park Hotel**

Allowing 3 hours to get to Midleton we go via the Copper Coast UNESCO GeoPark and arrive Midleton Park Hotel 4pm and check in.

Midleton Park Hotel is outside the centre of Cork but very convenient for everything we aim to do.

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## Friday April 28th

Cork City Hall for our first Cork choral event.

Albert Quay, for Meet and Greet.

We are scheduled to introduce the choir to the other participants.

The coach will leave Midleton Park Hotel no later than 10.00 for the 25 minute trip.

After the Meet and Greet finishes at 12.30 the choir is free to roam Cork City. 2pm pick up

### **Glanmire Library**

A 15 minute trip.

We need to be there for 2.30pm to set up (there is no piano) for a 15 minute informal slot at 3pm.

### **Central Cork**

After we have done our bit at Glanmire Library the coach will return us to central Cork

### **Friday Evening**

Meet York MVC in pub (singers choose after research at lunchtime) or at Claytons Hotel. York are on a reconnaissance trip to see whether they might perform next year and have contacted us to try and get together.

The coach will collect everyone from a chosen spot by 11pm (or earlier if the group feels like it) to return to the Midleton Park Hotel.

## Saturday April 29th

### Christ Church Cobh

Leave Midleton Park Hotel 10am a 20 minute trip.

Sing at a Fringe Concert at the Church at 11am for 20 minutes.

- Let All Men Sing
- Bring Him Home
- You'll Never Walk Alone
- Farmers Boy
- Perfect Male Voice Choir

### Cobh Heritage Centre

We perform next at Cobh Heritage Centre at 1pm as part of the Choral Trail. Informal event (no piano) (Nick is bringing his flute and piano accordion)

### Cobh Bandstand

15 minute informal repertoire, again with no piano.

We sing at 1.30pm.

### Rob Roy's Bar

### Pearse Square

(near the Titanic Memorial)

2pm for 15 minute informal slot.

### Clayton Hotel

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Take coach to the Clayton Hotel leaving 4pm where we will take part in the "Afternoons in the Atrium". Piano available  
Perform a 10 minute slot at 5.30pm

- Anthem
- When the Saints
- You'll Never Walk Alone.

Leave at not later than 9.30pm

Take coach will take us back to the Midleton Park Hotel

## Sunday April 30th

Leave Midleton 12noon.

### Rosslare Ferry Terminal

The Ferry leaves Rosslare Harbour at 6.15pm.

We need to arrive at the Ferry Terminal by 5pm latest

The Ferry arrives in Fishguard at 9.45pm.

It's then about a 4 hour journey back to Taunton, with a stop on the way. Estimated time into Queen's College **2am** Monday morning.

Next Concert after  
Ireland

27th May

St John's Church  
Staplegrove



# Iminster Minster Concert - (Cold but warm)

On Saturday 26th March, an amazingly warm welcome was given to the choir on this, the second concert of 2023.



A temporary heater was set to work before the singing and during the interval.

On this chilly evening with the heating system broken down the voices were bright and cheering.

The boys sang very well and the packed church audience really showed their appreciation with some cheers during the applause.



Soloist George Horgan

Soloist George Horgan accompanied the choir in *Tell My Father* as well as having his slots to sing well-known tunes from popular musicals.

George graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and got a degree in classical singing and operatic studies.

He has taken part in productions of *La Cenerentola* and has been a part of their opera gala which they have combined with the Welsh National Opera.

He has an Associate of the Royal Schools of Music Diploma in classical singing and was a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. There he performed in many locations such as the Sage in Gateshead, the Royal Albert Hall and took part in the prom cycle at Snape Maltings Concert Hall.

He toured China with the National Youth Choir performing in Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The concert was hosted by **Lions Club International** who donated £1000 to **Children's Hospice South West**



Children's  
Hospice  
South West

# Children's Hospice South West

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) exists to make the most of their short lives and puts children and families at the centre of all it does. Their vision is to be fit for the future by continuing provide the highest level of care, clinical expertise and enrichment opportunities for children who are expected to die in childhood.

They also provide holistic care that meets the needs of all family members. They emphasise the needs of children with life-limiting conditions both regionally and nationally.

For more than 30 years Children's Hospice South West has been caring for children with life-threatening conditions by providing children's hospice and professional family support services.

They are dedicated to making the most of children's precious lives through the provision of the best possible hospice care for them.

The care offered at each of the three hospices is not just about medical and nursing support for sick children but is also about enriching the lives of the children and their whole family.

The charity provides care and support to any families living in the South West, who have children with life-limiting conditions providing specialist palliative care, respite for the whole family, a sibling service for brothers and sisters, emergency support, end of life care and a bereavement service for as long as is needed.



*Lions Club International donating £1000  
to Children's Hospice South West*







*The whole company at Iminster Minster  
(Splendid in our uniform displayed)*





**It's weird my  
being the  
same age as  
all these old  
people.**

**Just once, I want a  
username and  
password prompt to  
say  
'CLOSE ENOUGH'**

**If I am ever on  
life support,  
unplug me and  
plug me back in  
and see if that  
works.**

**Do you ever wake up in  
the morning and look in  
the mirror and think...  
"That can't be  
accurate?"**

**Last night the  
internet stopped  
working so I spent a  
few hours with my  
family. They seem  
like good people.**

**Some of my friends  
exercise every day.  
Meanwhile I am  
watching a TV show I  
don't like because the  
remote fell on the floor.**

**You know you're getting  
older when you have a  
loud party and the  
neighbours don't even  
realise it.**