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WESSEX MALE CHOIR CONCERT IS A SUCCESS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Swindon's Wessex Male Choir helped raise over £1,300 for Cancer Research UK at its recent charity concert in Chippenham, which featured special guests the Jubilate Ladies Choir from Middlesex.

The concert took place on Saturday 3rd October at St Andrew's Church in Chippenham and Wessex Male Choir's repertoire included 'All By Myself' (as sung by Only Men Aloud on the BBC's Last Choir Standing) an upbeat barbershop item 'Down by the Riverside' and a selection from the musical Oliver!

Musical director, Robert Elliott said, 'The concert was a great success, not only did it raise funds for such an important cause but we also had a lively audience of nearly 200 people, including The Lady Mayor of Chippenham, and the venue had beautiful acoustics where it was a joy to perform.'

'The choir has a history of supporting charities and it was great to work with Cancer Research UK to put on this event.'

This concert was organised by Cancer Research UK supporter, Natalie Waters, who said, "It was a fantastic evening and we are very grateful to Wessex Male Choir and Jubilate. This type of fundraising event is vital to fund the work done by Cancer Research UK and wouldn't have been possible without the support of these choirs, and all the volunteers who made it happen. Cancer Research UK has over 40,000 volunteers working to support the charity - they really are the lifeblood of what we do.'

The money raised will help to buy equipment for scientists carrying out essential research or to fund clinical trials. Research in Swindon currently includes 32 clinical trials at the Great Western Hospital.

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About Cancer Research UK

- Cancer Research UK is the world's leading charity dedicated to beating cancer through research.
- The charity's groundbreaking work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has saved millions of lives. This work is funded entirely by the public.
- Cancer Research UK has been at the heart of the progress that has already seen survival rates double in the last thirty years.
- Cancer Research UK supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of more than 4,500 scientists, doctors and nurses.
- Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is to beat cancer.

For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, please call Maria Gomez, Area Volunteer Manager on 01367 252593 / 07918 196031 or visit www.cancerresearchuk.org.

About Wessex Male Choir

Wessex Male Choir was founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001. It has a reputation for its professionalism, entertaining and varied repertoire, and charity support.

Wessex Male Choir rehearses at the Church of Christ the Servant, Abbey Meads Village Centre, Swindon on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 - 9:30pm. Anyone interested in joining should contact membership secretary, Andy Marshall by e-mail at membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk or call Rob Elliott on 07939 249021.

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