

## **PRESS INFORMATION**

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### **NOT JUST FOR FATHER'S DAY!**

#### **FATHERS AND SONS SING TOGETHER AT WESSEX MALE CHOIR**

Singing together is a 'harmonious' way to spend time with your Dad, and at Wessex Male Choir this doesn't just happen on Father's Day, but all year round!

Music spans the generations with two fathers regularly rehearsing and performing with their sons in the choir. Dave Marshall had been singing with the choir since its inception in 2001 when he was joined by his son Andy, 31 in 2005. While Kevin Trowbridge, 50, and his son-in-law, Danny Matthews, 29, have both been members of the choir for the past seven years.

Andy Marshall says, "I had been to watch Dad perform in the choir a few times and he kept encouraging me to join. I'm so glad I did as, not only is it a great way for us to spend time together, but it's fantastic to be part of such a friendly, professional choir. "

Rob Elliott, musical director says, "Historically male choirs have seen many members of the family all singing together, and it really is fantastic that this still happens at Wessex Male Choir. With over 50 members, the choir has grown to be a very sociable, friendly group with ages ranging from 17 to 70!"

Anyone, (young or old!) who is interested in the joining Wessex Male Choir is very welcome to come along to a rehearsal on a Tuesday evening in Abbey Meads. For more information contact Rob Elliott on 07710 197789 or email [musical.director@wessexmalechoir.co.uk](mailto:musical.director@wessexmalechoir.co.uk)



*(pictured left-to-right) Andy Marshall and his Dad, Dave, along with Kevin Trowbridge and his son-in-law, Danny Matthews, with the Wessex Male Choir.*

The award-winning choir recently won the Gold Cup for the Overall Best Choir at The Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, and hosts its seventh International Concert at Hold Rood Church, Swindon on 8<sup>th</sup> July, joined by the spectacular Female Youth choir 'Lirica' from Belgium. Tickets for this concert are available from the Tourist Information Centre, Swindon, Tel 01793 530328 or by calling Alan Chippendale on 01793 812636.

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### ***Notes to editors***

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