

PRESS INFORMATION



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SUCCESS FOR WESSEX MALE CHOIR AT INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Swindon's Wessex Male Choir is enjoying competition success yet again this week following the biennial International Choir Festival of Jersey on 9-12 October where it won the Male Choir award.

The prestigious festival was hosted by Gareth Malone, presenter of BBC2's 'The Choir', and attracted choirs from across the world including from Holland, Ireland, Norway and Slovenia, as well as the UK.

Nearly 40 choristers from Wessex Male Choir wowed judges with performances of 'Do You Hear The People Sing' from Les Miserables, 'Me and My Shadow' and 'What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor'. The choir was judged on a number of criteria including musicianship, technique and presentation.

Wessex Male Choir also performed at two churches in Jersey and staged a concert for 300 children at the Victoria College Preparatory School, where it sang McFly's lively 'It's All About You'. The choir concluded the festival by performing in the festival finale at Fort Regent, overlooking Jersey's capital, St Helier.

This recent triumph follows the choir's achievements earlier in the year when it won the coveted Gold Cup for the best choir at the Cheltenham Choral Festival.

Next concert

Fresh from the choir's resounding success in Jersey, Wessex's next concert will be at St Michael's Church in Highworth on Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm.

Special guests include two accomplished musicians - soprano Louise Lloyd and double bass soloist Anthony Williams - both of whom attended Highworth's Warneford School.

Tickets priced at £8 are available from the Lighthouse Bookshop in Highworth, or by calling Terry Williams on 01793 762669.

The concert is being organised by the Rotary Club of Swindon North, with proceeds going to the 1st Highworth Scout Group's Centenary Fund and other youth projects in Highworth.

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