

## **PRESS INFORMATION**



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### **WESSEX MALE CHOIR 'GOES THE EXTRA MILE' FOR THE PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY AT THE LONDON MARATHON**

Participants in this year's London Marathon were treated to a particularly vocal level of support this year by members of Wessex Male Choir who sang, and busked, their way along the course on Sunday 26th April.

Fifteen of the choir's members travelled to London and sang at various points along the course, including Buckingham Palace, the London Eye and Big Ben. The choristers sang for around eight hours in all raising over £800 for the Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS).

The choir has supported The Parkinson's Disease Society for many years and to date raised over £35,000 for the charity.

Jeff Hannath, Tenor, said, "The atmosphere in London was fantastic and we really enjoyed singing at a number of London landmarks around the course and cheering on the runners, whilst raising money for such an important cause.

"2009 is the charity's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we hope to increase our fundraising to £40,000 this year. The money raised by Sunday's 'marathon buskers' will make a valuable contribution to this target."

Wessex Male Choir is performing next at Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £6, can be bought at the Abbey Book Shop (Tel: 01666 824924) and at the Tourist Office, beside the Town Hall (Tel: 01666 823748). Tickets can also be bought on the door on the night of the concert, if still available. Doors open at 7pm.

#### **About Wessex Male Choir**

Wessex Male Choir was founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001, and has over 50 members. The choir has a reputation for its professionalism, entertaining and varied repertoire, and charity support.

The choir rehearses in Swindon on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 - 9:30pm and anyone interested in joining should contact membership secretary, Andy Marshall on Tel: 01793 704913 / 07710197789 or by e-mail at [membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk](mailto:membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk)

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