

PRESS INFORMATION



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WESSEX MALE CHOIR SET TO 'RAISE THE ROOF' AT MALMESBURY ABBEY

Wessex Male Choir will be performing in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm in what is sure to be a choral spectacular!

Wessex Male Choir, which is based on the North edge of Swindon, will be joined by one of the oldest established choirs in the UK, Kidderminster Male Choir, which was formed in 1904. Together the two choirs will offer the sound of nearly 100 voices, which is certain to raise the roof!

For the first time Wessex Male Choir will sing a selection from the West End show 'Oliver' and a Barbershop number called 'Down by the Riverside'.

Wessex Male Choir attracts members from across Wiltshire and Gloucestershire and performing amongst them in May will be Malmesbury local, Bill Thompson. Bill says, "The Abbey is such a fantastic setting and it is always great to perform in your home town and see friendly faces in the audience!"

The evening will also see the debut of new recruit, Carl Larrad, who joined the choir just three months ago. Carl says, 'They really are a friendly bunch and I have enjoyed rehearsals over the past few months. Now I am looking forward to my first performance with the choir in Malmesbury. If I had known how much fun it was going to be I would have joined years ago!'

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 / 07939 249021 or by e-mail at membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk

Tickets for the Malmesbury Abbey concert, 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 and the concert starts at 7.30pm.

Notes to editors

1. You can listen to sample tracks from the choir's two CDs - Men in Black and Shades of Wessex - on the website at <http://www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk/recordings.asp>
2. Wessex Male Choir was founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001, and has around 50 members. The choir has a reputation for its professionalism, entertaining and varied repertoire, and charity support.

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