

## Newsletter Autumn 2017

Dear Friend,

How the time does fly! It is difficult to comprehend just where it has gone. That does not mean to say that nothing is happening. A bit like the garden really, everything dormant on the surface, then everything bursts out and starts to grow rapidly all at the same time.

First I will tell you about the Ladies of Loveny. We work tirelessly on behalf of the men. Well, someone's got to! The aim is always the same. To raise enough funds so we always have the means to pay for coaches and suchlike for their tours and concerts if needs be. Now, after the very sad passing of our Chairlady Lynette, we voted for Lorena Ead to become Chair, I stepped down as Sec' and Rona Gitsham was voted in in my place. Treasurer is Sheila Gibbons. Although we have the people in place in those positions we do prefer to be known as the Loveny Ladies Group. It is a friendly relaxed atmosphere and all the ladies of the choirmen are welcome. We meet up once a month for a mainly brain-storming session for fund-raising ideas. These are usually excellent, wonderful, weird, amusing, wacky, in fact everything possible. There is also the very enjoyable monthly lunches in a variety of locations. August is the only month we do not have one. So I will say to you, if ever you would like to come please let me know in advance and I can tell you the location so we can book you in.

Now, to our men. THE Men. On the 17th June they had a concert in Crownhill Methodist Church where they have performed before. As usual, it was a super night. A concert in Alturum Church on the 24th June was very well attended and a good time was had by all. 5th July saw us on Padstow Quay where the bucket collections carried by the Ladies did very well and the audience most appreciative. THEN, we come to the concert tour of the Cotswolds in July. OH BOY! We set off, the coach and various members in their cars on the 21st July on what turned out to be the stormiest day of the year with monsoon like conditions that made driving very difficult indeed. I can honestly say I have never driven up the M5 at forty miles per hour before. It did not let up once all the way up to the Cotswolds. We were all late in arriving at the lovely hotel. However, starting with a singsong in the bar after dinner it improved 100%. Singing in a variety of places it was an enjoyable experience for all, - - - as usual! On the Saturday lunchtime the men sang in Gloucester Cathedral which was absolutely superb. In the evening it was to the Guildhall where they shared a stage with the Cotswolds M.V.C. On Sunday the coach trip to Bourton-on-the-Water was really lovely with a beautiful sunny day and after a pub lunch in the gardens, the men did an impromptu sing by one of the bridges. The tourists could not believe their luck and there was a huge crowd around us. After returning briefly to the hotel we were off again to the concert arranged in Monmouth with Mello'D who were superb. This group of Ladies never fails to impress. We had a couple of trips to Gloucester Docks in between which again are worth a trip to and then on Monday the coach took members for their sing in Bath Abbey via their way back home. All in all, it has to be said the trip was a resounding success. Thanks were given to Dave Williams who had undertaken the majority of arrangements. On the 30th July it was back on Padstow Quay, again a lovely evening with much appreciation for the choir. The 12th August the choir were invited to sing on the beach at Holywell Bay near Newquay. This was for the National Lifesaving Festival. It was very

different but again, obviously very enjoyable. The 24th August saw them singing at the Flower Festival in St. Neot Church. Unfortunately I had to miss that one but apparently the flowers were absolutely beautiful. In fact there were pictures on the choir's website. The next concert is on 30th September in Cardinham Church near Bodmin. The Millpool Chorale are the guests so it should be yet another lovely evening. Aren't we all lucky to know such wonderful people?

However, as in every walk of life, there have been some changes taking place. In August Mr Marcus Leeverson Alleyne stepped into the post of Musical Director. Marcus is a man of vast musical experience and has held directorships in various places. He stepped in with great positivity and confidence which was welcomed by all. A HUGE vote of thanks was given to Colin Arthur who stepped in as MD at a moment's notice and so kept the choir going with no concert missed. Log-on to: [lovenymalevoicechoir.wixsite.com/loveny/meet-our-md](http://lovenymalevoicechoir.wixsite.com/loveny/meet-our-md) You can then read all about everything. David, the pianist does have other commitments so the next change may be the pianist. Although awaiting confirmation of this, a lady visited and played for the choir at practise a week ago and a very good report was received. All I can say is -'watch this space' !

Sadly, I also have to tell you of other changes that have happened. On 26th July, Mike Preston, a long-standing member of Loveny sadly passed over. He was a familiar face at most concerts. His funeral took place on the 16th August and saw the choir forming a Guard of Honour at the Crematorium and then singing at the Wesley Chapel in Liskeard. He will be greatly missed. Again with great sadness, Lewis Arthur, father of Colin Arthur, who is a founding member of the choir, passed over on the 1st September. Both he and his wife were familiar faces at the concerts. Our sympathies have been passed to those families in their loss.

However, there is some more positive news. Mr Brian Carder who has been a Honorary Friend for a long time is responding well to treatment. Cynthia, wife of a long-standing choir member is also recovering well, and last but certainly not least, our beloved Mrs Annie Parker, who attends every concert, knows every word of every song that the choir sings and never fails to support and cheer them on, is also recovering after a nasty bout of ill-health. We wish Brian, Cynthia and Annie our very best wishes for a full and speedy total recovery.

Please do not forget that the help you give the choir is invaluable. If you know of anyone who would like to support the choir by becoming a member please tear off the slip and give them it to fill in. It is still £12-50p p.p. per annum.

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We could not do without your support and help. It is very much appreciated.