

Friends of Kidderminster Valentines.



Yes pigs do fly!

Our first **concert** took place in Llansamlet Church sharing Swansea Male Voice Choir's annual concert. This was a lovely evening of music in a beautiful building. Friendship between the two choirs was cemented at the afterglow in the nearby pub. We hope the choir will return the visit and come to sing in Kidderminster with us

The **Gala Dinner** had a casino theme. Choir members were treated to an imaginatively dressed dining room with amazing attention to detail. Thanks to Sue and Geoff.

Everyone dressed representing a book title which added to the special evening. (please see photos on the choir website or Facebook page)



This year the **Summer Tour** took place in Swansea. The five days were packed with fun, friendship and, of course, singing!

The trip started with a lunch stop in Abergavenny where many of us visited the flea market. (Photo)

We were looked after very well at the hotel on the waterfront in Swansea where we made use of all the facilities as well as the bar!

The main challenge faced during the Tour was that of THE COACH which died in the hotel car park. The replacement vehicle was a small improvement but congratulations should be given to our driver for his skill and patience. Thank goodness for the local bus company who provided two buses to convey us to the first concert at exceedingly short notice.

Our second **concert** took place in The Waterfront Community Church with the Phoenix Male Choir. Both choirs and their supporters enjoyed the evening and were mutually appreciative. Members of Swansea Male Choir and Morriston Ladies Choir were in the audience and joined us back at the hotel for supper and more music making. A truly wonderful experience.

Jane Richardson, musical director, praised the choir's performance and acknowledged the way that we are continuing to develop. (We sang in 6 different languages too!) She is proud to be a member of the Valentines and we are pleased to have her!

We enjoyed a visit to Mumbles, a tour of the Gower and had the opportunity to paddle in the sea at Langland Bay.



Gower Heritage Centre was visited on a rainy day. The guides took us round giving an interesting insight to the local history and crafts, including a demonstration of spinning and weaving wool.

The summer weather returned for our visit to the National Botanical Gardens near Carmarthen. Visitors enjoying lunch in the Courtyard Restaurant were treated to half an hour of our singing. Afterwards we enjoyed strolling around the gardens and hothouses.



Our hearty **thanks** go to Sue and Geoff Strong who planned and executed a wonderful Summer Tour. Their work ethic is incredible, their energy and enthusiasm is amazing. The success of the Tour is due to this dynamic pair.



Dates for Your Diary - Forthcoming Events

It would be lovely to see you so please come and join us

Date	Place	Event
Friday August 31	Harvington Church	Private Wedding
Saturday September 19 7.30pm	St.Peter's Church, Kinver	Concert with Bridgnorth Male Voice Choir
Saturday October 10 7.30pm	St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster	Concert with Mendip Male Voice Choir
Friday November 13 7.30	Hopton Wafers Church	
Saturday November 21	Abberley Church	
Saturday December 12	Pound Green Village Hall	Christmas Concert

For tickets please contact Judy Morris on telephone 01562 751753 or contact any member of the choir.

For further information please see our website
www.kidderminstervalentines.co.uk

I hope you have enjoyed reading the news about the Valentines. Please feel welcome to get in touch about any choir matters.

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