



Xmas Newsletter 2018

What a lovely year it has been—we have had such a lot of fun and pleasure from our regular singalongs together and we sincerely hope that you have too. Who can forget the sound of 150 kazoos tooting in unison on one of the hottest days of the year at the Big Sing last July?

As you probably know, we started these singing sessions in 2015 and since then we have set up the instruments, handed out large print songbooks and had a thoroughly enjoyable hour or so of singing and laughter 425 times with over 8,300 attendances. We have sung together with people from all over North Yorkshire - Kirby Malzeard to Kirkbymoorside and Scarborough to Skipton, but mainly in Ryedale—our home patch and yours too, mostly.

In the Spring we pushed our musical instrument laden trolley around the ward singing with the patients and staff in Malton Hospital. Everyone seemed to be cheered up by our efforts and our next port of call will be Bridlington Hospital doing a similar project in the New Year.

We celebrated 100 years of Women's Suffrage with a musical and history workshop we devised and took around several schools in Ryedale during the middle of this year. As we are both former teachers by trade—this was a genuine walk down memory lane for us!

We cannot do what we do without the help of our wonderful volunteers at each of the venues we play in. Thank you very much indeed to Paula, Jennifer, Mary and Fred; Carol and Pam; Sheila; Diana, Jan, Judith. Not forgetting the marvellous Trudy Rogers and her Living Well Team—3 Big Sings so far and we hope they will be back with us for Big Sing 4 in July 2019.

We were delighted and surprised to receive the Pride of Malton and Norton Award as Charity Of The Year 2018 back in October and we will be using the £1,000 award to ensure we can hold Big Sing 4 next year. A few days ago we heard that thanks to your kind nominations we will receive a £500 Grassroots Giving award from Skipton Building Society. We have also received many generous personal donations during the year—and we thank each one of you for your kindness.

We had a short experiment during the Autumn with a Pay As You Feel option. This went well but your feedback indicates that a return to £3 voluntary donations works better for you, and so we will go back to that way of doing things in the New Year.

Talking of the New Year the general funding situation gets tighter each year with more and more applications for less and less funds. Our good news is that we have secured funding to carry on with Musical Memories next year—but this will be less frequently in Pickering and Kirkbymoorside, and we are still waiting to hear positive news about Helmsley. In Malton, a different funding stream means that we can continue with weekly sessions there.

Overleaf, you will find all of our significant dates for the whole of next year—so please do keep it in safe place. Thank you once again for your support and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love and best wishes
Neil and Ruth

PS

Our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/musicalmemoriescic remains open until 31st December 2018





2019 Community Programme

Pickering Library Mondays 10.30-12.00

Mar 4 Apr 1
May 13 Jun 3
Jul 1 Sep 2
Oct 7 Nov 4

Kirkbymoorside Moorside Room Tuesdays 10.30-12.00

Mar 5 Apr 2
May 7 Jun 4
Jul 2 Sep 3
Oct 8 Nov 5

Malton Milton Rooms Fridays 10.30-12.00

Jan 4	11	18	25	Feb 1	Mar 1	8	15	22	29
Apr 5	26	May 3	10	24	31	Jun 7	14	21	28
Jul 5	12	19	26*						
Sep 6	13	20	27	Oct 4	11	18	25	Nov 1	8
Dec 6	13							15	22
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(*Big Sing)

Helmsley

We are waiting for confirmation of funding and will add details when they are confirmed.

Please note:

£3 voluntary contribution—refreshments included

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