

New Mill Male Voice Choir

New Mill MVC was formed in 1991 when a dozen friends led by the late Len Williams decided to form a choir. As numbers grew strong friendships were forged and a spirit of openness and welcome developed which still exists today.

The Choir developed rapidly during their first decade which included spectacular massed male voice concerts at Cardiff Arms Park and at the Royal Albert Hall (twice!). The choir produced 2 CD's and shared the stage with Brighthouse and Rastrick Band and Black Dyke Band

In 2002 Elizabeth Hambleton was appointed as Musical Director and Anne Levitt became Accompanist. Elizabeth retired at the end of 2010 and the Choir appointed Alan Brierley as MD.

The choir has enjoyed successful tours to Italy, the Czech Republic, Spain, Poland and Belgium and staged concerts at Huddersfield Town Hall with Sir Willard White(twice!), Aled Jones, Morrison Orpheus Choir, Julian Lloyd Webber, Alison Balsom and Young Opera Venture.

The Choir won first prize at the Don Valley Festival in 2009 and 2010.

For further information please visit the Choir's web site at www.newmillmvc.org.uk.

Alan Brierley, Musical Director.



Alan became Musical Director of New Mill Male Voice Choir in February 2011 following the retirement of Elizabeth Hambleton.

Alan has been involved in music throughout his life. Born into a musical family in which both his parents were pianists and organists, he was a chorister in the choir of Huddersfield Parish Church before going on to study at the renowned School of Music at Huddersfield Polytechnic (now the University.)

Throughout his teaching career Alan spent much time arranging music for his pupils, and that is still the case, only now it is for the wonderful men of New Mill Male Voice Choir.

Alan is keen to foster an enjoyment of music and when learning new pieces will often take time to explain to the men how a piece of music is put together, believing that an understanding of that process contributes to a successful concert performance. A recent example of that was the Choir's first performance of Robert Cockroft's In Flanders Fields in their October 2014 Town Hall concert with Sir Willard White.

Emma McKenna, Accompanist



Emma was appointed as accompanist to New Mill Male Voice Choir in July 2012. Emma studied at Huddersfield University where she was awarded a B.Mus (Hons) degree and also achieved a PGCE teaching qualification from Bretton College. She is currently Deputy Head of Lindley Junior School where she has been a major influence in helping to build the tremendous reputation of the school in the music world, having been winners of the prestigious BBC Songs of Praise Award and the Llangollen Music Festival in 2014.