



Warwick A Singing Town

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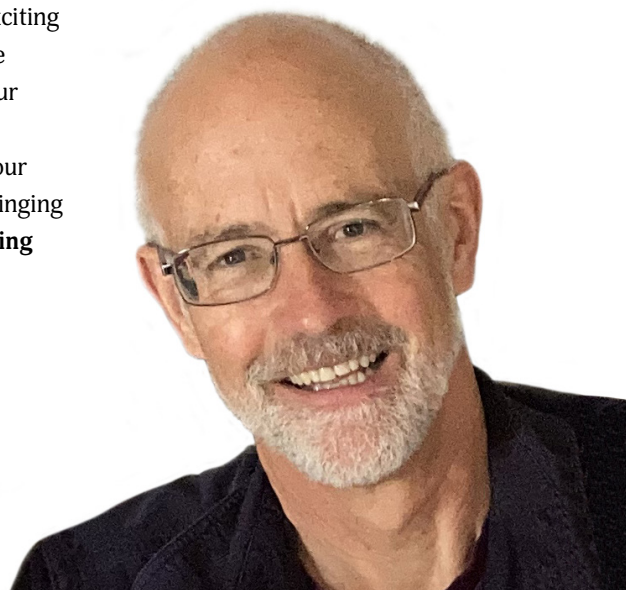
*“Happiness and
Health in Harmony”*

Warwick – A Singing Town has got off to an exciting start with three events in our first two weeks.

Read more to find out about an exciting singing workshop delivered by the Gentlemen of St. John’s choir in our two secondary schools; a Massive Messiah that raised the roof and our formal launch that got everyone singing – exactly what **Warwick – A Singing Town** is there to do.

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About Warwick – A Singing Town

Warwick – A Singing Town, is a unique, philanthropically-funded project to promote singing as part of the artistic and cultural post-pandemic renewal in Warwick. Through free, high-quality singing and choral opportunities in schools, sharing information about local singing and choral opportunities for all town residents, and bespoke partnerships with groups who may benefit from the therapeutic aspects of singing – our goal is for singing to be better understood, promoted, and available to all residents.

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Stars come out for our launch

The stars came out for the launch of our unique singing project **Warwick – A Singing Town**.

We were delighted to welcome 100 guests to our launch at Warwick Hall on Friday 1st October including **Warwick – A Singing Town** Patrons Catherine Bott and international choral conductor and Warwick resident Simon Halsey.

Catherine Bott, singer and presenter on Classic FM, spoke at the launch about her support for this innovative and exciting initiative that aims to get all of Warwick singing.

Catherine, who went to school in Warwick, values the role of singing and is full of praise for the ambition of **Warwick – A Singing Town**.

‘Whether you sing for a living or for fun, it’s a joyous thing to do, and I’m thrilled that the town where I first found my voice is going to be filled with song through this unique project.’

The launch featured young singers from local schools including Westgate primary, Myton secondary and Aylesford secondary.

The project is working in partnership with local schools and singing groups and is also looking to work alongside local NHS professionals to explore the therapeutic and health benefits of singing.



Victoria, Aliyah and Amy enjoying the launch at Aylesford School



Aston and Remy from Myton school in performance



Children from Westgate primary at the launch

Massive Messiah a Massive Success

Warwick – A Singing Town in partnership with the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation welcomed over 50 enthusiastic singers to a workshop rehearsal and performance of excerpts from Handel’s *Messiah* in Warwick Hall on Sunday 26th September.

Accompanied by a superb orchestra made up of professional players and gifted students the event was conducted by Choral Entrepreneur, Mariana Rosas who brought enormous joy, energy and expertise to the event.

Local music teacher, Wendy Harrison excelled as the soprano soloist in a beautiful performance of *If God Be For Us*, and an enthusiastic audience of family and friends enjoyed a ‘sharing’ of the music after just a two hour rehearsal.



Taking part in the Massive Messiah



School visits by The Gentlemen of St. John's College Cambridge

Warwick – A Singing Town was delighted to help bring the choir of The Gentlemen of St. John's College Cambridge to two secondary schools on Friday 17th September, Myton and Aylesford.

Children had the opportunity to hear a live performance by the professional singers and take part in a vocal workshop. The Gentlemen, who sing regularly in St John's College Cambridge, as well as giving concerts in the UK and abroad, performed a Latin motet and close harmony version of Bear Necessities, demonstrating the different male voice types.



Pupils at Myton taking part in the interactive workshop







The Gentlemen of St. John's Choir Cambridge at Aylesford



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