

# SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7.30pm at Cotheridge Church

## GR-VIII – Men in Harmony

performing songs from around the world, introduced by Dave Quick

## Community Choir at Alfrick, with Lucas Ball, piano

music written between about 1500 and 2017, introduced by Keith Bramich

This concert is in support of Midlands Air Ambulance and Cotheridge Church. Please donate generously. We will hold a raffle during the concert interval. Please buy raffle tickets for the chance to win one of the following generously donated prizes:



- A Three Course Restaurant Dinner for Two People at **The Talbot Hotel at Knightwick**

- An organic hamper of vegetables and fruit, provided by **The Fold in Bransford**

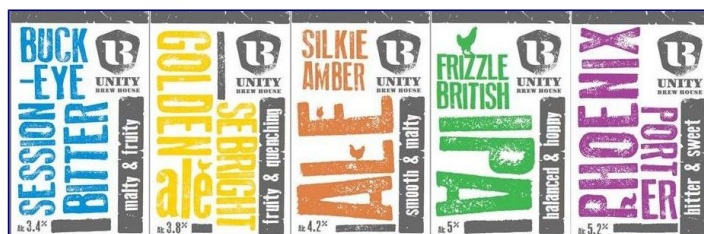


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# Holloways

- A voucher for afternoon tea for two in the Glasshouse Café at **Holloways in Suckley**

- A £10 gift voucher from the **Unity Brew House at Suckley**



- A beautiful plant, provided by **Laylocks Garden Centre**

- A bottle of whisky provided by **Peter Walker, on behalf of the Lower Teme Valley Churches**

**GR-VIII** (pronounced 'Great'), Men in Harmony, are all members of a male choir, and individuals over their singing years have performed in Canada, Australia, Poland, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We have raised money for many charities and at one point helped raise over £50,000 for *Help For Heroes*. Our current chosen charity is *Midland Air Ambulance*, and with the help of this concert we hope soon to reach our target of £10,000. We sing tunes from all over the world and hope people enjoy our repertoire.

**The Community Choir at Alfrick** is a fun all-welcome mixed-voice group of singers which meets on Tuesday evenings in Alfrick Village Hall. We invite everyone to come along and experience the joy of singing. Everyone can sing - it's a brilliant form of relaxation. There is no audition and no age limit. Our soloists this evening are Claire Jagers, Lou Randall, Jeremy Morfey and Alan Matthews. Keith Bramich has been the choir's conductor since Spring 2016. He studied in London with Lawrence Leonard, Paul Sarcich and Mary Mogil.

**Lucas Ball** studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama with Vanessa Latache, Victor Sangorgio and Fali Pavri. He studied harpsichord (continuo) with John Langdon. He works as a piano accompanist for theatrical societies, choral societies and for students taking music exams.

Herefordshire composer **Lynn Norris** has written ten musicals, many songs for children and adults, and a book, *Tales of the Century*. Lynn's latest song, *The Ballad of Molly and Ewan*, was written especially for this concert tonight, and to enhance your experience of it, the words are printed below:

*The Three Choirs Festival happens each year,  
In Gloucester or Worcester or Herefordshire,  
Then choirs and folk come to sing or to hear  
The music of the ages from far and from near.*

*In the cathedral in Herefordshire,  
there Molly and Ewan both sang in the choir,  
He with his father and brothers along  
And she with her sister all joining in song.*

*By the river in Worcester they walked in the grass,  
as the clouds stretched above them the water like glass,  
And the river like music flowed on through their heads,  
O I do think you're a nice lass, is what Ewan said.*

*There down by the river, the sun up above  
And the smell of wild flowers came feelings of love,  
Things were slower in those days, or so they do say,  
Yet to ask her to marry him he did not delay.*

*And still in the three shires the music is heard,  
And the rivers run on with the sounds of the years,  
And friendships still blossom, and love it still grows,  
Like the power of music or the scent of a rose.*

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We hope you enjoy tonight's music. Please note that the items will be announced before they are performed.

Each group will sing for 20-25 minutes in each half of the concert. You are very welcome to join in with songs you know.

There will be a generous interval for food and drink. We expect the concert to finish by 10pm. Raffle prizes will be available when you leave.

A big thank you to the many people who have helped to create this concert. We're sorry that there isn't room here to list everyone individually!