

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR



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Keeping The Airwaves Open

The Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir's Christmas concert at St Mary's Church in Radcliffe on Trent was a glorious end to an amazing 40th Anniversary year and made a great contribution to keeping the airwaves open for Hospital Radio – in particular, Nottingham Hospitals' Radio charity. The choir Chairman John Bartle recently presented a cheque for £2,000 to the charity, one nominated by a choir member. The donation was raised at the choir's 2023 Christmas concert where once again the guests were the Radcliffe on Trent Junior School and The Blidworth Welfare Band. Playing to a packed and much appreciated audience of parents, music lovers and community representatives and leaders, the choir delighted the audience with a selection of new and favourite carols, not to mention the traditional carols sung with audience participation – and what a sound that was, especially when accompanied by the band. As usual the school choir delighted everyone with some modern and uplifting arrangements by artists such as Rihanna and Shakira, arranged by the famous One Voice Choir. They also honoured the recently-deceased Benjamin Zephaniah with a reading of his Talking Turkeys poem. The Blidworth Welfare Band also did not disappoint. With a Euphonium duet and a Cornet solo gracing a selection of Christmas numbers, topped off with a Cha-Cha version of God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, they played us out with a lively Yule Dance.

Keeping the proceedings moving with grace and humour was the head of the Junior School, Clare Allsopp, who is no stranger to working and performing with the choir.

Finally there was icing on that afternoon's cake, with a bucket collection at the end.

I think we can say that audience, performers, and supporters went home happy – again!

For the latest information on the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir, please go to the website: www.radcliffeontrentmvc.org

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