

Rotherham Life June 2025

The Springtime Tea Concert, held recently at St James' Church Hall, certainly hit the right note in both the literal and metaphorical sense of the phrase. Members of the Rotherham u3a Choir, were at their tuneful best, the mood was relaxed and happy, and the Tea-time spread of sandwiches and cakes were a perfect ending to a memorable afternoon.

The programme spanned the past century, with a salute to the genius of eighteenth-century Mozart en route. "Mad about Mozart", Rentz's chorale arrangement of Mozart's 40th Symphony, is a fast-moving, tongue-twisting, and humorous tribute to the master and was delivered with panache to a delighted audience.

From the opening notes of Oscar Peterson's moving "Hymn to Freedom", the choir deftly led the audience on an enjoyable journey down Memory Lane, capturing the essence of each era from the 1930's to the present day. The rousing finale "World War Two Melodies", was a timely reminder of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, and the resilience of the human spirit, come what may.

Even in the hardest of times, singing relaxes tension, reduces stress and lifts the spirits. Research confirms its benefits to physical and mental health. Furthermore, singing with a group magnifies these effects, whilst also giving opportunities to meet others and make new friendships.

The Choir meets each Wednesday between 10 am and 12 pm. Experience for yourself the joy of singing together. U3a members and newcomers are welcome to come and sing with the Choir once or twice before deciding whether to join.

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