



MUSICAL VILLAGE TO BRING HIGH NOTES TO MARKET BOSWORTH'S SPECIAL DAY

The Leicestershire village making final preparations to commemorate King Richard III on his last journey has announced the involvement of leading community singers as part of the occasion.

As part of the day when the cortege of King Richard III is to be welcomed into Market Bosworth on 22 March, the Musical Village Community Choir will be singing medieval and renaissance songs, including the thirteenth century hymn Pange Lingua.

The choir, made up of community members of all ages and abilities, will perform in the historic Market Place, in the presence of representatives of King Richard III, St Peter's Parish Church, St Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, the Free Church, and local people and visitors.

The choir is led by Lesia Smaditch, who studied choral conducting with the Association of British Choral Directors, and in 2013 was given the High Sheriff of Leicestershire's award for services to the community. Musical Village is a family of choirs across Leicestershire and the choirs are heavily involved in community work and fundraising. In 2014 Musical Village was recognised by Blaby District Council in the Outstanding Achievement Awards for community work.

In order to put the finishing touches to their performances, the Musical Village community choir (Market Bosworth) will be rehearsing for this unique event at The Dixie Grammar School on the 5, 10 and 17 March from 7.30-9pm.

"The songs we will be performing are very special to us and have been selected in conjunction with Leicester Cathedral. We are proud to be part of such an historic occasion", Lesia said.

The choir will also be performing in the village as part of the programme of events during the day.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The music to be performed will be:

Pange Lingua (St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)

Ah Robin, gentle Robin (William Cornysh, 1465-1523)

Fine Knacks for Ladies (John Dowland, 1563-1626)

Cum decore (Tylman Susato, early 16c)

The Market Bosworth steering group is chaired by Jurgen Kruijt, manager Bosworth Hall Hotel, jurgen.kruijt@britanniahotels.com, and supported by Market Bosworth Parish Council .

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