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### **TIDESWELL MALE VOICE CHOIR PRESENTS ITS MOST SPECTACULAR SHOW YET! 'NEVER FORGET'**

In this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the First World War, the war to end all wars, the weekend of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November will see audiences in the Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield and The Buxton Opera House, Buxton sharing in a stunning remembrance tribute presented by the widely renowned Tideswell Male Voice Choir.

Through dance, visual effects and poetry, 'Never Forget' will unfold and offer the audience a feast of delight. The show will pay tribute not only to the heroes of Flanders Fields but also to all those who have made sacrifices in other theatres of conflict down the years and throughout the world.

Director of Music and Principal Conductor, Dennis Kay said,

*"The show will be spectacular and will take the audience on a roller coaster of emotion from a sense of apprehension and sadness through to hope and then finally jubilation as light overcomes darkness. From authentic letters written to England in 1918 from a French field hospital to more recent words written by military wives to husbands and partners in Afghanistan, the vivid emotional picture touches us all. It will be a real visual and aural delight and will culminate in an absolutely breath taking finale which will leave the audience utterly spellbound."*

The performance will feature not only this exciting and excellent vocal group but also the highly talented and inspiring ten piece brass ensemble, Corus Brass, renowned poet F. Philip Holland, Sixth Form dance students from Buxton Community School and vocal soloists Erin Alexander, Charlotte Hoather, Matthew Mellor, Madeleine Osborne, Philip Rigley and Kieron-Connor Valentine.

Tideswell Male Voice Choir is already highly acclaimed for its powerful and emotional performances. It is renowned for adapting popular contemporary songs into sixty voice strong harmonies, led by a forward thinking music team and supported by young professional solo talents. Music programming and performance direction has been in the dynamic and animated hands of Dennis Kay since 2005. Dennis is supported by a

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professional music team with Principal Accompanist and Assistant Director of Music, Christopher Ellis, and session Percussionist Derrick McGill.

Never Forget will be showing at the Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 and at Buxton Opera House on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30.

Tickets are priced at £26 and can be purchased via box office or online for each venue.

Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield - Box Office: 01246 34 5 222

Online: <http://www.pomegranatetheatre.co.uk/shows/a-remembrance-spectacular-never-forget>)

Buxton Opera House, Buxton - Box Office: 0845 127 2190

Online: <http://buxtonoperahouse.org.uk/tideswell-male-voice-choir-never-forget>

### **Notes to Editor:**

Established in 1956, Tideswell Male Voice Choir boasts a rich history of traditional singing, however, not until the appointment of its current Director of Music, Dennis Kay, in 2005, did it start to 'break the mould' and embrace a more ambitious and contemporary approach to its choice of music and style of performance.

The choir's membership currently numbers sixty five, with ages ranging from 21 upwards.

A new album, 'One Voice' was released in April this year. This can be purchased via the choir's website, <http://www.tideswellmvc.co.uk> or by calling 01298 24338. Alternatively it can be downloaded or streamed through many different online platforms including iTunes, Amazon, Google Play & Spotify.

During the past six years the choir has performed in prestigious venues across the U.K. These include Buxton Opera House, The Plaza Theatre, Stockport, Gawsworth Hall, Macclesfield, The Winding Wheel Theatre, Chesterfield, The Hall for Cornwall, The Minack Theatre, The Eden Project and the new Pavilion Arts Centre in Buxton to name just a few. The choir has also travelled extensively across the UK and Southern Ireland.

The well known writer, broadcaster and politician Edwina Currie is President of the Choir.

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Tideswell Male Voice Choir is a registered charity and also raises funds in their thousands for other local charities. Beneficiaries for 2014 are Ashgate Hospice & Blythe House Hospice, both in Derbyshire.

Caption for accompanying image: Never Forget – A Remembrance Spectacular Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Nov & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014.