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Name	Age/ Ability range	Description of Ensemble/ Group/Organisation	Contact details		
<p>St. Mary's 'Singing For Fun' groups, Batley.</p>	<p>Age 16 and above.</p>	<p>St. Mary's' Singing For Fun' Group. Meeting times: every Wednesday, 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Admisson: £3.</p> <p>Our first 'Singing For Fun' group (we now have two), was established six years ago at St. Mary's Social Club & Parochial Hall, Melton Street, Batley. We now have over 30 afternoon members, including ten men. The evening group is new and still growing. Anthony Davis leads both groups.</p> <p>The groups are friendly and our aim has always been to offer a singing opportunity to the many people who would always have loved to join a choir but never thought they could sing well enough.</p> <p>So there are no daunting auditions, you don't need to read music, and no one will ever be asked to sing solo – though that doesn't mean they couldn't if they really wanted to when the occasion arose.</p> <p>Our repertoire is not nearly so challenging as that of a formal classical choir, but it is enjoyable. We have sung songs from all over the world – Polyneisan boat songs, African freedom chants, Maori love songs, spirituals -we have even done Japanese. Folk songs, Latin canons, songs from the shows, hymns, hit songs from the charts of yesteryear, and much more all go into the mix.</p> <p>Once a year we organise a charity concert, inviting several other West Yorkshire community choirs to join us. These are great occasions, and on the last occasion we raised over £800 for Kirkwood Hospice.</p> <p>To join us, just come along, and we'll have you singing in no time!</p>	<p>Denis Walsh, St. Mary's Social Club secretary, 01924-503758.</p>		
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