

Vintage concert

ENJOY a 1940s night with vintage style singer Miss Marina Mae at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Uppermill on Sunday, December 8.

The event, which starts at 7pm, is a fundraiser for Yorkshire Day and will include supper and a raffle.

Tickets cost £7 and are available from Uppermill Post Office.

For more information ring Brenda Cockayne on **07849 186990**.

Whit Friday funds

A CHRISTMAS brass band concert will raise funds for the Denshaw Whit Friday Band Contest 2020.

On Saturday, December 14 Wardle Anderson Band (Championship Band) and young players from Wardle Academy Junior Blast will entertain.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at Denshaw Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 per adult and £20 family ticket (pay on the door). Free mince pie and mulled wine. Licensed bar and raffle.

Oldham Choir

ENJOY a night of music as The Oldham Choir presents A Christmas Concert with guest groups from The Abney Orchestra on Sunday, December 15.

The concert will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Church Road, Shaw, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £7.50 for adults while children under 16 go free. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from choir members.

Tree-mendous planting efforts create new woodland in Diggle

IT may be time for Christmas trees but an area of land in Diggle has been planted with trees in time for Christmas.

Members of the Conservation Volunteers Charity (CVC) have completed their planting expedition on a 0.93 hectares plot of rough grazing ground close to Huddersfield Road.

Around 1,000 trees from the Woodland Trust's Thorpe Park Nurseries near York have been added to the landscape.

And the CVC is keen to hear from community groups throughout Saddleworth who want to restore woodland to the area.

This most recent project has been led by the Diggles' Charitable Trust and its chairwoman, Kathleen Pearson.

The Trust's main focus is to provide bursaries to students hoping to become vets via a secondary degree route. But it is also heavily into conservation via its small holding in Diggle.

Hannah Marshall, outreach advisor for the Woodland Trust designed the new woodland dedicated to the memory of Lady Mary Herries, the daughter of the late Duke of Norfolk, the Diggles' former patron.

A plaque denoting the name of the new woodland and a secondary one dedicated to trees lost in the Amazon rain forest have also been erected.

Hannah supervised the tree planting by the Conservation Volunteers, bringing maps so they were added to the right locations.

Species of trees planted included: common alder, aspen, downy birch, field maple, common oak, Rowan, Blackthorn, Dog Rose and Hazel. Previous work included



Jacob Atkin-Elton and Kathleen Pearson, chairwoman of Diggles Charitable Trust



the planting of Thorns Beck Wood adjacent to the main road.

Kath knew Lady Mary Herries, who died in April 2017, aged 76, for many years.

"She was sympathetic to our bursary scheme to assist second degree vets students with their tuition fees," said Kath.

"Over the years we had many telephone conversations and even corresponded by letter.

"Lady Mary left a legacy in her will to the charity. I miss her friendship so therefore this wood will be dedicated to her memory."

Since 2015, the CVC and local communities, in conjunction with OVO Energy, will have planted nearly one million carbon-busting trees.

Seven figures will be reached by the end of the year and environment conscious Saddleworthians can join in the I Dig Trees campaign.

Space for trees



Throughout the bare-root planting season of 2019/20, the aim is to plant another 350,000+ trees in over 800 green spaces across the UK which will be achieved with approximately 37,000 hours of community volunteering for

everyone to grow.

To find out how to become involved visit www.tcv.org.uk

To discover how the Diggles Trust can help students visit www.thediggles.co.uk/bursary_index

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