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Another 'Sing it Yourself Messiah' was held on 29th March at the Church of The Holy Spirit, Crawcrook. Soloists were: Gill Scott (soprano), Sheila Young (alto), Colin Smith (tenor), Michael McCabe (bass) with David Higgins (organ) and Brian Davidson (trumpet)

10th May – Haydn's 'The Creation'

Conductor – D. Parkyn Marshall

Soloists – Gillian Brunton (soprano), Michael Oswald (tenor), Harvey Williams (bass)

27th September – A Concert with Denis Weatherley

The choir sang a mixture of songs including Johnny Dankworth's 'Folk Mass'.

Denis Weatherley, a native of Ryton, was a former member of the B.B.C. Singers, an active member of Durham County Opera and Palatine Opera and Chairman of Opera Nova.

6th December – Purcell's 'Dido and Aeneas' (+ carols)

Conductor – D. Parkyn Marshall

Soloists – Pauline Ash, Gillian Scott, Margaret Jones, Geoffrey Hughes

Current member Madeline Mather makes her first appearance in the programme.