

C DSAL Records of the Albion Ladies Musical Society 1933-1996

Accession number: 13/60

Historical Background: In 1933 a group of 33 ladies from Hull and the surrounding area got together to share a mutual interest in musical performance, and gave concerts under the name 'Albion Ladies Choir' (see C DSAL/1/1). In addition to their concerts, social functions were organised to help raise funds for their expenses.

The choir soon became well known and a number of people offered support and asked to join. On 1st July 1935 Miss Reba Cohen, conductor of the choir, called a meeting to suggest the formation of a society. This was agreed resulting in the formation of the Albion Ladies Musical Society.

For sixty years the society provided four evening and two afternoon concerts during each annual season which ran from September to May. Other functions also included jumble sales, garden parties and an annual dinner dance.

Concerts were mainly held at the Church Institute on Albion Street but were also held at the YPI on George Street, the Central Methodist Church on Prospect Street, and at the City Hall. The concerts also included performances by the Beverley Borough Brass Band, the Lydian Male Voice Choir, the Young Musicians of Hymers College, the Jill Havler Singers, as well as performances by numerous soloists.

Membership numbers remained fairly consistent during the society's lifetime. However, during its final years the society found it increasingly difficult to recruit younger members. In a meeting on 25th March 1996 the decision was made to disband the society and their final concert was held on 22nd April 1996 at the Mortimer Suite in the City Hall.

Custodial history: Deposited by Ms. Joan Barker in October 2013

Description: Includes minutes, secretary's reports, programmes, and press cuttings

Arrangement:

C DSAL/1	Minutes	1933-1996
C DSAL/2	Annual Reports	1935-1995
C DSAL/3	Programmes	1935-1996
C DSAL/4	Records relating to members	1936-c.1996
C DSAL/5	Publicity materials	c.1954-c.1961

Extent: 1 box

Related material: Records of the Hull Lydian Male Voice Choir are held at C DSLM

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DSAL/1	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Includes minutes of the annual general meetings and the committee meetings 6 volumes & 1 bundle	Sep 1933- Oct 1996
C DSAL/1/1	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Also includes at the front of the volume for seasons 1933-1934 and 1934-1935 the date of the first rehearsal of the season, a list of members and their role, a list of choir members, a list of songs and the name of the performer, and a list of events during that season 1 volume	18 Sep 1933- 9 Feb 1948
C DSAL/1/2	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society 1 volume	9 Feb 1948- 26 Jun 1964
C DSAL/1/3	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Also includes the income and expenditure account for the annual dinner held on the 25 April 1970 1 volume	31 Aug 1964- 9 Jul 1973
C DSAL/1/4	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society 1 volume	9 Jul 1973- 31 Aug 1977
C DSAL/1/5	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society 1 volume	9 Nov 1977- 15 Jun 1987
C DSAL/1/6	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Also includes requests for fundraising ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and refers to the Hull Lydian Male Voice Choir joining the Albion Ladies Musical Society to sing at the April 1995 concert 1 volume	3 Jul 1987- 5 Jun 1995
C DSAL/1/7	Minutes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Also includes agendas, a history of the Albion Ladies Musical Society, letters to members regarding agendas and dates of annual general meetings, as well as a letter to members explaining the required procedures for disbanding the society, rules of the society, secretary's expenses for April 1996, list of past presidents of the society, and a list of members and their addresses 1 bundle	7 Jul 1995- 21 Oct 1996

C DSAL/2	Annual reports Reports were written by the secretary and are particularly useful for understanding the history of the society 2 volumes	1935-1995
C DSAL/2/1	Annual reports 1 volume	1935-1971
C DSAL/2/2	Annual reports 1 volume	1971-1995
C DSAL/3	Programmes of events 1 volume & 1 bundle	1935-1996
C DSAL/3/1	Programmes of the Albion Ladies Musical Society concerts 1 bundle	1935-1970
C DSAL/3/2	Diary of events Gives date, event and in some cases a short comment on the event, usually regarding its success. Also includes a bundle of tickets for the Albion Ladies Musical Society events, including annual dinners. 1 volume	17 Dec 1981- 25 Sep 1996
C DSAL/3	Records relating to members of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Access will be granted to any accredited reader. However, some of the records in this series contain personal information and as result will be closed, please see individual items for more information. 2 volumes	1936-c.1996
C DSAL/4/1	List of choral and non-choral members of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Gives members names and addresses 1 volume	1936-1972
C DSAL/4/2	Address book of members and associates of the Albion Ladies Musical Society Gives names, addresses and telephone numbers The volume includes personal information relating to members and as a result will be closed for thirty years until January 2027 1 volume	c.1996

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C DSAL/5	Publicity materials Includes press cuttings and a photograph 1 bundle/5 items	c.1954-c.1961
C DSAL/5/1	Publicity materials Includes press cuttings and a photograph of the Albion Ladies Musical Society's 21st birthday concert held at the Church Institute 1 bundle/5 items	c.1954-c.1961