

The image shows two elderly men sitting side-by-side, smiling and looking at papers they are holding. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue sweater over a light blue collared shirt and glasses. The man on the right is wearing a red V-neck sweater over a plaid shirt and glasses. They are in a well-lit room with a bulletin board in the background. The text 'opera north' is in the top left, and 'OPERA NORTH : LIFELONG LEARNING' is in the middle. Below that is the subtitle 'Creative and inspiring activities for adults in Leeds and Kirklees'. The website 'operanorth.co.uk' is in the bottom right.

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Opera North Sing ON



Come along and take part in weekly music and singing activity for over 55s, led by professional artists in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Experience the joy of singing as part of a group, make new friends and take part in exciting cultural activities in your local area.

No previous singing experience is necessary. You do not have to be able to read music to take part.

'This is my first term at Sing ON. I haven't sung for the past 5-8 years and this has been exactly right for me. Wonderful musicians, so affirming, smiley and enabling. Plus it's a place to make new friends.'

Sing ON participant

'A wonderful start to the week. Challenging too, but in a good way. Also, a great bunch of new friends in a very relaxed atmosphere. Big fun.'

Sing ON participant

MONDAYS 10 September – 10 December (excluding 24 September and 29 October)

Morley Morley Town Hall (Morleian Room)
9.30am – 11.00am

Batley Batley Central Methodist Church (Brimer Hall)
2.30pm – 4.00pm

TUESDAYS 11 September – 11 December (excluding 25 September and 30 October)

Alwoodley St Barnabas Church
10.00am – 11.30am

Headingley Headingley Methodist Church
12.30pm – 2.00pm

Oakwood Oakwood Church (New Room)
3.00pm – 4.30pm

THURSDAYS 13 September – 13 December (excluding 27 September and 1 November)

Huddersfield Lawrence Batley Theatre (Attic Theatre)
3.00pm – 4.30pm

£5 per person. Advanced booking not necessary.

For more information on Sing ON and the Opera North Lifelong Learning programme please contact education@operanorth.co.uk or call **0113 223 3520**.

Exclusive Sing ON Events



'I am so enjoying Tuesday mornings, but yesterday was amazing, really the icing on the cake. It was an experience I shall remember forever!'

Sing ON participant
(*Trial by Jury* workshop with the Chorus of Opera North)

As a Sing ON participant you can also take part in exclusive insight opportunities and exciting one-off events, such as singing workshops with the Chorus of Opera North.

Silent Night Community Project

Rehearsals:
Saturday 3, 10, 17, 24 November

Performance dates:
Friday 30 November
Sunday 2, Thursday 6,
Friday 7 December



As part of the city's commemorations marking the centenary of the end of World War One, Opera North is looking for men from across Leeds and West Yorkshire to take part in a special arts project based on the conflict and its aftermath.

A Director and Vocal Leader will work with participants to create characters and stories based on war-time words and music. The workshops will culminate in a special performance at Leeds Town Hall before each showing of Opera North's *Silent Night*. All men over the age of 12 are welcome, whether on their own, or with a dad, lad, grandad or friend.

Whistle Stop Opera is coming to a venue near you!



If you haven't been to a live opera and want to try a bite-sized version first, then Whistle Stop Opera is for you. Grab a cup of tea, sit back and let us take you on a journey of comedy, deceit, love and tragedy.

Following several successful tours across community centres, libraries and museums in Leeds, our cast of lively singers and an accordionist will reveal a new introduction to the fascinating world of opera in a live, interactive experience.

The performance will be around 30 minutes long, followed by a Q&A with the performers.

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

- Morley** Morley Town Hall (Morleian Room)
10.00am – 11.00am
- Batley** Batley Central Methodist Church (Brimer Hall)
3.00pm – 4.00pm

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

- Alwoodley** St Barnabas Church
10.30am – 11.30am
- Headingley** Headingley Methodist Church
1.00pm – 2.00pm
- Oakwood** Oakwood Church
3.30pm – 4.30pm

THURSDAY 27 September

- Huddersfield** Lawrence Batley Theatre (Cellar Theatre)
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Please note. Tickets for Whistle Stop Opera at Lawrence Batley Theatre should be booked via their box office on 01484 430528

TICKETS:

£5 per person. Please book in advance.

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(calls cost 7p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge)

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