## Report - Village Voices Trip to Bristol and Yeovil 12th/13th July 2025

On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 27 members of Village Voices took a weekend trip away to Bristol for a workshop by the composer and arranger, Wendy Sergeant and then to Yeovil for an evening concert with the South Petherton Ladies Pop Choir.

The Wendy Sergeant workshop at Bristol was great fun. Wendy is a lovely cheerful lady and enjoys teaching songs a cappella. Remarkable how her warmup was similar to Kieron's!

Food from Top Nosh was amazing as always. Thank you, Liz and John. After a very warm but rewarding morning, we travelled to Yeovil and booked into the Premier. A short walk took us to St John's Church where we met the ladies from the South Petherton Ladies Pop Choir. They were a lovely, cheerful bunch and we blended and got on very well.

The concert exceeded expectations with a strong, appreciative audience. Both choirs performed well and the South Petherton choir have expressed the wish to travel to Warwick in the future and perform with us here. So watch this space!

After the concert, Yvonne had arranged a card signed by everyone and presented it to Andrea to show our appreciation for her meticulous arrangements which ran like clockwork. A drink in the hotel bar after the concert rounded off the day, and a breakfast the following morning completed the weekend before departing our various ways.

A lovely musical weekend with great company and a successful outcome. Thank you to all those who took part and a particular thank you to Andrea for making all our logistical arrangements and to Kieron for liaising with South Petherton Choir and putting together the programme. First class both of you. Thank you.

Ken H.