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Radcliffe on Trent Community Signing Choir battle it out in Jersey

The Radcliffe Community Signing Choir returned from Jersey on Sunday 9th November having narrowly been defeated in the only Signing Choir Competition in the UK.

Simon Astill and Sue Bailey-Douglas, the Choirs MD's entered a group of 12 ladies from the Choir to the UK's only Signing Choir competition at the Jersey Eisteddfod.

The Signing Choir Competition at the Eisteddfod is currently in it's fourth year and is the only Signing Choir Competition in the UK. What is even more amazing is the Radcliffe on Trent Community Signing Choir was only formed 14 months ago and has gone from strength to strength in that short space of time.

Rather than sing in the competition, the Signing Choir Class is specifically set up for Choirs to perform songs in British Sign Language and express the music through their hands, facial expressions and body language rather than their voices.

Simon, himself profoundly Deaf, says, "When we set up the Choir, we never thought we would achieve such an accolade within such a short space of time, it pays credit to the hard work and determination of the ladies involved in the Choir."

The group were narrowly edged out of the top spot by Simon & Sue's other Choir, the Derby Community Signing Choir by only one point.

Simon and Sue, who both live in Carlton, entered the Duet Class at the same competition and beat off stiff opposition from a number of other choirs to be crowned winners of their Class.

The Radcliffe on Trent Community Signing Choir are now focussing on their next performance at Nottingham's Broadmarsh Centre on Saturday 20th December where they will be performing Christmas songs by the tree along with the Derby Community Signing Choir.

Further information on the Choir can be found on www.harmoneyes.org.uk we welcome new members who are interested in joining the choir whether they have signing skills or not.

NOTES TO EDITORS

For further information on the choir please contact admin@harmoneyes.org.uk

Photograph attached – Radcliffe Community Signing Choir with Simon Astill and Sue Bailey-Douglas