

TREORCHY MALE CHOIR



BRIEF HISTORY 1965

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JANUARY

Wednesday January 13th

Town Hall, Pontypridd

The first concert of the year, before 600 people at the Pontypridd Town Hall, saw the Choir share the stage with soprano Betti Jones, bass Richard Rees and compere for the evening was Alun Williams.

Friday January 29th

Top Rank Cinema, Cardiff

The Choir's appearance at the Top Rank was before a small crowd of 200 people.

FEBRUARY

Friday February 19th

Rehearsal Room, Treorchy

The Choir made an overseas programme recording with compere Norman Williams.

Saturday February 20th

British Nylon Hall, Pontypool

Organised by the British Nylon Spinners Sports and Social Club, the concert also featured Sam Griffiths and Maldwyn Phillips.

MARCH

Saturday March 13th

Cory Hall, Cardiff

A concert organised by the Cardiff Olympic Youth Team also featured demonstrations by the Welsh Gymnastic Team.

Friday March 19th

Polikoff's Hall, Treorchy

The Choir made an "All Together" programme with presenter Alun Williams and also featuring Betti Jones and John Morgan.

Thursday March 25th

Nazareth Church, Mountain Ash

For the concert in Mountain Ash the Choir was joined by Gaynor Jones and Elwyn Gildas Williams.

Tuesday March 30th

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

The Choir made a recording for BBC.

APRIL

Thursday April 1st

Methodist Church, Rogerstone

For the concert in Rogerstone the Choir was joined by Lillian Hackett, Meryl Evans and Norma Hale.

Thursday April 8th

Zion Chapel, Llwynypia

A concert was held to raise funds for Zion Renovation Fund featuring Elvira Henry and Sam Griffiths.

Saturday April 24th

Shire Hall, Hereford

The Choir made its first visit to the Shire Hall to perform with Sam Griffiths and Maldwyn Phillips.

MAY

Saturday May 1st

Winter Gardens, Malvern

The Choir appeared at the Winter Gardens with Sam Griffiths and Maldwyn Phillips.

Monday May 3rd

Oak Tree Hall, Treorchy

The Choir made an “All Together” broadcast with Alun Williams and John Morgan.

Saturday May 8th

College of Advanced Technology, Cardiff

A concert was held in the presence of HRH Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent in aid of the St Johns Ambulance fund

Sunday May 23rd

Eisteddfod Concert Hall, Cardigan

The Choir appeared in a concert as part of the Cardigan Festival “Gwyl Fawr Aberteifi” which featured Gwyneth Jones (soprano), Derek Garside (cornet) and John Holmes (bass).

Tuesday May 25th

Oak Tree Hall, Treorchy

The Choir made an “All Together” broadcast with Stuart Burrows and John Morgan.

Thursday May 27th

Methodist Church, Ystrad

The Choir appeared with Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Roy Meredith for the concert in Ystrad.

JUNE

Friday June 4th

Oak Tree Hall, Treorchy

The Choir made a recording for the BBC.

Tuesday June 15th

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

The Choir made their second 33rpm Long Player album called “Valley Sings Again”.

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Saturday June 26th

Grammar School, Pembroke

The Choir appeared with Sam Griffiths and Maldwyn Phillips on their first visit to this venue.

JULY

Thursday July 15th

John Cynan Jones was made Associate Conductor and Accompanist.

Saturday July 17th

Sandfields School, Port Talbot

A concert was held in aid of the Cambrian Colliery Disaster Fund, featuring the Cory and Mid Rhondda Bands under the direction of Dennis Wright.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday September 18th

Mark Hall School, Harlow

The Choir shared the stage with Elvira Henry and Sam Griffiths on their return visit to Harlow.

Wednesday September 22nd

Memorial Hall, Barry

The Choir gave two performances at the Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate the opening of the BBC 2. Fellow artists included Margaret Price, Geraint Evans, Donald Houston, Osian Ellis and the BBC Welsh Orchestra.

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The Strand Cinema, Llantwit Major

Their first visit to this venue with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

OCTOBER

Saturday October 2nd

Ninian Park, Cardiff

Once again the Choir led the congregational singing with the Mid Rhondda Workmen’s Band at the Wales vs England football international.

Friday October 7th

City Hall, Cardiff

The Choir appeared at the Oddfellows Dinner.

Saturday October 16th

Town Hall, Birmingham

The Choir undertook its sixth visit thanks to the kind invitation of the Cymmrodorion Society. Also on stage was April Contello and Sam Griffiths.

Thursday October 21st

James Smith Theatre, Rhymney

The Choir shared the stage with the Rhymney Youth and Hoovers Social Club Bands.

Saturday October 30th

Town Hall, Acton

Associate Conductor John Cynan Jones led his first full concert at the Town Hall in Acton.

Sunday October 31st

Town Hall, Ealing

The weekend visit to London saw the Choir perform in Ealing with soloists Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday November 3rd

EMI Factory, Treorchy

The Choir broadcast an "All Together" radio programme with Trevor Anthony and John Morgan.

Thursday November 11th

Salem Baptist Chapel, Porth

Elvira Henry and Herbert Jones appeared with the Choir on their visit to Porth.

Sunday November 21st

Wood Street Church, Cardiff

The Choir performed with the Salvation Army Band.

Tuesday November 23rd

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

The Choir made a BBC recording of Christmas music.

Thursday November 25th

Blaencwm Chapel, Treherbert

The Choir's 500th Concert since it was reformed in 1946. They shared the stage with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

DECEMBER

Thursday December 2nd

Horeb Chapel, Treherbert

The Choir appeared in a retirement evening for Dr Hughes and Dr Hockaday. Also on stage was contralto M.A. Williams, William Roberts (tenor) and Ivor Jones (baritone).

Saturday December 4th

Ebenezer Chapel, Abertillery

The Choir helped raise funds for the Abertillery RFC Floodlighting Fund with Elvira Henry and Herbert Jones.