

# TREORCHY MALE CHOIR



## BRIEF HISTORY 1972

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## JANUARY

### **Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Jerusalem Chapel, Ton Pentre

A concert was held in aid of Ton & Gelli Boys Club with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones as soloists.

### **Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Central Hall, Tonypany

A concert with the Parc & Dare Band in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society.

## FEBRUARY

### **Saturday – Sunday February 12th & 13th**

Y Capel Mawr, Denbigh

A weekend spent in Denbigh. This was the first concert appearance in North Wales and in the concert *Anvil Chorus* was performed for the first time.

### **Wednesday February 16h**

HTV Studios, Pontcanna

The Choir travelled to Cardiff for a HTV recording in the Pontcanna Studios. Wynford Vaughan Thomas was present during the recording.

### **Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Guild Hall, Gloucester

This was the Choir's first visit to Gloucester, with a concert organised by the Gloucester Welsh Society.

### **Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

At the Annual General Meeting Mr John Haydn Davies was elected as Vice President. Robert Griffiths was elected as Vice Chairman. The presentation of Long Service Scrolls for 21 years service was made by the Chairman to Choir Members.

## MARCH

### **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

National Sports Centre, Cardiff

The Choir's first appearance at the Sports Centre in Sophie Gardens with John Haydn Davies making his first appearance as Vice President. The St David's Day Concert featured Rachel Thomas and Iris Williams with the Cory Band and many other performers.

### **Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Stanley Jones, the first secretary of the re-formed Treorchy Male Choir, died.

### **Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

A recording for the Finnish Television Service was made in Noddfa Chapel. This took place after practice and the following items were recorded: *Nant y Mynydd*, *Llef* and the first performance of *Amazing Grace* with Harry Price as soloist.

### **Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

A new plaque of the Choir was displayed in the practice room.

### **Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sophia Gardens, Cardiff

A concert with the Black Dyke Mills Band at Sophie Gardens. The first performance of *Lily of the Valley* and the first public performance of *Amazing Grace*.

### **Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Park & Dare Theatre, Treorchy

The seventh annual Good Friday combined concert with the Parc & Dare Band took place.

## **APRIL**

### **Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Choristers were issued with the new Constitution of the Treorchy Male Choir.

### **Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Ebenezer Chapel, Abertillery

The first performance of *Battle Hymn of the Republic* at Ebenezer Chapel, Abertillery.

### **Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

BBC Studios, Llandaff

The Choir made a recording for the 2,000<sup>th</sup> performance of the Good Morning Wales radio programme at the BBC Sound Studio in Cardiff. This was then played the following morning. Also performance was Max Boyce, Ryan Davies and Vincent Kane.

### **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Battersea Town Hall, London

A weekend in Battersea, London. The first performance of the *Seeds of Love*. The concert was part of the Festival of Wandsworth.

## **MAY**

### **Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Welfare Hall, Seven Sisters

The Choir performed at Seven Sisters with soloists Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones

### **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Nazareth Chapel, Pentre

First appearance in the Nazareth Chapel, Pentre in a Civic Service, Many important civic dignitaries were present.

### **Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>**

RAF Credenhall, Hereford

A concert at RAF Credenhall for Cancer Research Campaign. A cheque of £2,000 was presented to them.

### **Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais

A concert in Ystradgynlais for Alan Jones, opening batsman for Glamorgan in his benefit hear. Norman Gifford (England and Worcester), Alan Omerod (Worcester), Eifion Jones, Malcolm Nash (Glamorgan) and others wee present. Norman Gifford was the Guest of Honour in the event organised by the Ystradgynlais Cricket Club.

## **JUNE**

### **Saturday & Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

Civic Theatre, Chelmsford

In the Choir's first visit to Chelmsford at a concert in the Civic Theatre, His Excellence J.R.Rabulawaque, High Commissioner of Fiji, and his wife were present. Plaques of the Chelmsford Welsh Society were presented to John Cynan Jones, Jennifer Jones, Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

### **Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

The Choir performed at a Civic Service engagement in Treorchy,

### **Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Holton Road Baptist Chapel, Barry

A concert organised as part of the Mentally Handicapped Children's Week.

### **Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer was admitted to St Winifred's Hospital for an ear operation.

## **JULY**

### **Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer came home from hospital and is making satisfactory progress.

### **Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>**

At the last practice before the summer holidays, the Choir entertained young people from 18 different countries.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>**

John Cynan Jones was admitted to Llwynypia Hospital

### **Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Members attended the opening of the Treorchy Choir Room at the Great House in Chippenham. The Choir plaque is displayed above the door of the room

**Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>**

College of Further Education, Pontypool

The first concert with John Haydn Davies as Conductor and Jennifer as Accompanist

**Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Wyvern Theatre, Swindon

The Choir's first visit to Swindon organised by the Wyvern Welsh Society. The concert was conducted by John Haydn Davies.

## OCTOBER

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>**

St Mary's Church, Cardiff

The Choir's first visit to this venue. An excellent church to sing in and the conductor was John Haydn Davies.

**Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

St Luke's Church, Newport

The concert was held in aid of the church organ fund.

**Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Welfare Hall, Crynant

A Memorial Concert to the late Tom Jones, founder accompanist, at Crynant, organised by the Crynant OAP Group. The conductor was John Haydn Davies.

## NOVEMBER

**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>**

St David's Church, Ton Pentre

Soprano Jill Walters performed with the Choir at the concert.

**Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>**

John Cynan Jones back in the rostrum after his illness.

**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Methodist Chapel, Coventry

A cheque of £500 was presented to David Duckham, the England rugby player, for the Muscular Dystrophy Fund. Organised by the Independent Order of Foresters, the concert also featured the Coventry Brass Band

**Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Bethany Chapel, Treherbert

A concert was held in aid of Treherbert Hospital

## DECEMBER

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Greenfield Church, Llanelli

At the invitation of the Greenfield Men's Movement, the Choir travelled to Llanelli.

**Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Horeb Chapel, Treorchy

The final concert of the year with Sam Griffiths and Anne Melen as soloists.