

# TREORCHY MALE CHOIR



## BRIEF HISTORY 1969

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## JANUARY

### Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>

John Haydn Davies officially retired as the Conductor of the Treorchy Male Choir.

## FEBRUARY

### Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>

John Cynan Jones was appointed as the new Conductor of the Treorchy Male Choir.

### Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>

#### St David's Church Hall, Ton Pentre

John Cynan Jones conducted the Choir as the official Musical Director. Also on stage was Sam Griffiths and Idris Higgon.

## MARCH

### Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Memorial Hall, Barry

A St David's Day Concert was held featured tenor Euryl Coslett, baritone Cellan Jones and the children from the local Welsh school.

### Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Welfare Hall, Pontarddulais

A concert was held to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Cor Glandulais of Pontarddulais and featured Angela Jenkins, Emlyn Jones and accompanist Mdm Dorcas Powell Walters.

## APRIL

### Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Park & Dare Theatre, Treorchy

The fourth annual Good Friday Concert was held to raise funds for the Park and Dare Institute Society.

### Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>

#### St Martin Church, Cardiff

A concert was held to raise funds for the church building fund, organised by the 5<sup>th</sup> Cardiff Scout Group and featuring Sam Griffiths, Maldwyn Phillips and Graham Elliott.

## MAY

### Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Brangwyn Hall, Swansea

A sound recording was made for a forthcoming German film called "Choirs of the World" by Lutz Welnitz Productions.

**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Mowlem Theatre, Swanage**

The Choir visited Swanage with soloists Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

**Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Choir performed outside City Hall, Cardiff with the Band of the Royal Marines to celebrate the opening of Croeso 69 investiture year at the invitation of the Speaker of the House of Commons, George Thomas.

**Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Brecon Cathedral**

The Choir appeared in Brecon Cathedral with soprano Penny Davies and organist Graham Elliot.

**JUNE**

**Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Penrhyth Castle**

The film "Choirs of the World" was made for a German film Company (Lutz Welnitz Productions) at various locations throughout South Wales.

**Rhossilli Beach**

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**Dumfries Street, Treorchy**

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**Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Rhigos Mountain, Treherbert**

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**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The Castle, Cardiff**

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**Welsh Folk Museum, St Fagans**

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**Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Brecon Beacons**

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**Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Guild Hall, Portsmouth**

The Choir appeared with Southsea Silver Band and soprano soloist Barbara Shell and Pat Nelson (folk singer).

**Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sophia Gardens, Cardiff**

The Choir appeared in a Noso Lawen Concert for American visitors with Y Trithan, Ryan and Ronnie, Bryn Williams, Mari Girth and Y Dilau.

## **JULY**

**Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Workmen's Hall, Ferndale**

A celebration concert for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales with Gillian Petherham and the Parc & Dare Band, Conductor Ieuan Morgan.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Boys Grammar School, Caerphilly**

The Choir appeared with the Graddfa School Band, Conductor Graham Barrar.

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tabernacle Chapel, Pontypridd**

A concert was organised by the South Wales Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and featured Herbert Jones and Gillian Petherham.

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

**Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy**

The Choir made a BBC Radio programme called "Aur Cerdd".

## **OCTOBER**

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

**Town Hall, Birmingham**

The Choir appeared at the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert of the Birmingham Cymrodorion Society featuring Glenys Dowdle (soprano), Osian Ellis (harp), Albert Webb (accompanist) and organist Graham Elliot.

**Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**English Congregational Church, Ton Pentre**

The Choir appeared with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

## **NOVEMBER**

**Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Croesyceiliog School, Cwmbran**

A concert was organised by the Cwmbran Urban District Council's Entertainment's Committee and featured Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

**Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Central Hall, Tonypany**

A concert was held to raise funds for the Central Hall Redevelopment Fund with Gillian Petherham and Sam Griffiths.

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Borehamwood TV Studios, London**

The Choir spent four days at the ATV studios in Borehamwood, Elstree, to film the Christmas edition of "This is Tom Jones". Also on the programme were Millicent Martin, Jean Collins and David Fry.

The Choir performed at the request of Tom Jones's manager, Gordon Mills, who came from the Rhondda and it was left to producer Ronnie Cass to make the necessary vocal arrangements.

**Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Gorphwysfa Chapel, Skewen**

A concert was held in aid of chapel funds and featured Gillian Petherham and Herbert Jones.

## DECEMBER

**Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Methodist Chapel, Blackwood**

A concert was organised by Bedwellty Urban District Council and featured Gillian Petherham and Idris Higgon.

**Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Municipal Hall, Pontypridd**

Organised by Pontypridd Urban District Council, the concert featured soprano Elizabeth Rust.