



Peter Jones

Second Bass 1970-2015, Long Service Member, Life Member

November 29th 1938 - January 10th 2015

Members of the Treorchy Male Choir were deeply shocked and saddened by the loss of Peter who had been such an integral part of the organisation for forty five years. During that time he made an incredible impression on his fellow choristers, making many lifelong friends who will miss his presence enormously.

Peter joined the Choir in 1970 and found his niche in the Second Bass section, where he enjoyed the camaraderie and good nature of his new-found friends. Enjoying a dry-sense of humour, Peter soon endeared himself to all and enjoyed all aspects of Choir life, from frequent rehearsals, concerts and overseas tours. In 1986 he joined the Choir on its ground breaking tour of Australia, performing twice at the Sydney Opera House. He also visited USA and Strasbourg on their successful concert tours and more recently performed before HSH Prince Albert of Monaco in Monte Carlo. Peter was made a Long Service Member and a Life Member of the Choir due to his dedication to the organisation.

Peter was born in Park Street, Clydach in 1938 and grew up in the local Central Pub where his parents Elizabeth and Wyndham were landlords. Peter, an only child, went to Porth County School before starting work in T.C. Jones in Tonypany and a year later he joined the NCB. During his school years he developed his love of rugby, one that would lead him to play for Penygraig RFC and become a staunch club member for the rest of his life. In 1956 he was called up to National Service and enrolled in the Welsh Guards, travelling extensively across Europe and stationed for lengthy periods in Germany.

Before leaving for his term in the Welsh Guards he met Jean Davies one evening at the Library Dance Hall in Tonypany and they continued their courtship during his travels. They were married in June 1961 and lived in the Central Hotel for a while before buying their own house in Court Street, Blaenclydach. A year later and their only child, Janet was born. Peter secured employment in the Finance Department of British Gas where he spent the rest of his working life, before retirement in 1995. Peter continued to enjoy part-time work for both Hilda's Florist and Conti's Fish Shop in Tonypany for several more years. The couple moved to a new home at Courtfield and enjoyed their retirement despite the ailing health of Jean and their daughter Janet.

Following an extensive period of ill health, during which time Peter cared so lovingly for his wife, Jean passed away only a few years ago. Sadly, Peter also became ill last year and despite a battle bravely fought, he passed away only a few months later. Peter was a kind and generous man, who loved his family, the Choir, rugby and lived life to the full. He will be sadly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. We salute his memory and mourn his passing.