



# Cyril Bebb

## First Bass 2011-2014

February 2nd 1933 - March 3rd 2014

Members of Treorchy Male Choir were deeply saddened and shocked when they heard the news of the sudden passing of Cyril Bebb and immediately their thoughts went to his close family who suffered such a loss. Cyril was 81 years of age, the widower of Myra and father to Lynne and David. When Cyril joined the baritone section of the Treorchy Male Choir in 2011 he ensured that the every generation of the Bebb family had been members of the Choir since it was first formed in 1883. With his son, David, as the present Choir Chairman, it meant that the Bebb family had been associated with every decade of the Choir's history for 130 years which is a remarkable achievement. As with his forefathers, Cyril was a dedicated chorister during his relatively short time in the ranks of the Choir, however his own choral career had started many years before when he was a faithful member of the Royal Welsh Male Choir.

Cyril was a typical Rhondda man of a bygone generation. A physically strong and hard-working miner who cared for his family, had a kind and friendly disposition and a great love of music, particularly male choral singing. He was born and died in the same house and had a multitude of family and friends who will miss him greatly. Cyril was one of three children born to Richard and Hannah Bebb of Cemetery Road, Treorchy. He attended the local school on Glyncoli Road followed by Pentre Secondary Modern before beginning a lengthy career of working underground, largely at the Fernhill and Tower Collieries. In 1958 he married Myra and the couple brought up their two children in a loving environment in their Treorchy home.

Cyril's other great love was music and for more than 25 years he was a dedicated member of the Royal Welsh Choir. For a period he was the Choir's baritone soloist and enjoyed the Tour of America in

1975. Such was his love of choral singing that whilst taking long walks with his faithful dog or strolling the seafront at Porthcawl on a family holiday he was continually rehearsing out loud! Following the tragic loss of his wife Cyril decided to revitalise his choral pastime and with the encouragement of his son, David, joined the Treorchy Male Choir as so many other generations of his family had done.