



David Stanton

Second Bass 2009-2016

October 19th 1967 - March 9th 2016

Treorchy Male Choir has been left in a state of shock and devastation by the loss of David ("Dai") Stanton whose remarkable courage throughout his long battle with illness endeared him to all he came into contact with.

As an organisation we have lost many dear friends over the years, but few as young as Dai, which makes his premature passing all the more tragic.

Without doubt Dai was one of life's great fighters who kept smiling with that widest of grins and sparkling eyes even during the darkest days of his condition.

He loved life, his family and his friends of which he had far more than many of us will ever make in a lifetime. His good humour, vitality and zest for life, fun and enjoyment made him a huge part of any group he was part of, whether at work or play.

Dai joined the Second Bass section of the Treorchy Male Choir in 2009 and was a dedicated and faithful member of the ranks who liked nothing more than spending time in the company of his fellow choristers. He travelled across the UK with them over the intervening years, performing in theatres, cathedrals and concert halls and enjoyed weekend visits to Berlin and more recently to Guernsey where he revelled in the camaraderie of the Choir.

Dai was the middle child of Carol and Michael and was born in October 1967 at Mountain View, Tynwydd – a street where he remained for the rest of his life. With elder sister Donna and younger brother Jonathan, he attended Dunraven Primary School and later Treorchy Comprehensive School.

On leaving school he worked for his grandfather's building merchant business also in Mountain View. This street undoubtedly had a huge

place in his heart because it's where he later settled with his wife Martine after they married almost twenty five years ago. Their home and family life became complete with the arrival of sons Daniel and Callum

Dai enjoyed sport in all its forms, but particularly rugby which he played as a young man for Treherbert Boys Club. He later played for Treherbert RFC and went on to become a coach for the Boys Club team. Young players all enjoyed their coaching sessions with Dai and he made a positive impact on many of them over the years.

His other great love was gardening and he was at his happiest tending his plants while listening to his favourite music of a bygone era, from Dean Martin to Frank Sinatra. It was his love of singing which inevitably led him to the rehearsal room of the Treorchy Male Choir.

However his association with the Choir began because of the friendships he made with many of the choristers who worked alongside him at the Royal Mint in Llantrisant. Dai was a Team Leader at the Melting Rolling Blanking Department and recently received his 25 Year Service Award. It was a deeply humbling moment when in honour of Dai's memory the Royal Mint flag was flown at half-mast on the day following his passing

The wonderful memories all of us share of Dai will ensure his memory will live on forever. We can be certain that none of us will ever forget him.