

# TREORCHY MALE CHOIR



## BRIEF HISTORY 1960

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## JANUARY

**Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Hope Chapel, Bridgend**

A chapel fundraising concert was held with soloists Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths.

**Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**BBC TV Studios Cardiff**

The Choir appeared on a TV broadcast for BBC Wales called "Croeso".

**Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**The Coliseum, Trecynon**

The second engagement of the day took place in Trecynon to raise funds for the Spastic Society. The soloists were Betti Jones and John Giles.

## FEBRUARY

**Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Welfare Hall, Llanharan**

Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths joined the choir for a fundraising concert in aid of Llanharan Eisteddfod. The Choir battled snow storms to reach their destination.

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

**Rehearsal Room, Treorchy**

The Choir broadcast an "All Together" programme with Alun Williams.

**Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Polikoff Hall, Treorchy**

The Choir broadcast an edition of "Aelwyd y Gan" for BBC.

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

**Bethania Chapel, Tonypany**

A concert was held in aid of the NSPCC and featured soloists Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths.

## MARCH

**Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Llantarnam School, Cwmbran**

Organised by the Cwmbran Urban District Council, the concert featured Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St Mary Church, Swansea**

The Choir combined with Morryston Orpheus Choir and the BBC Welsh Orchestra under the baton of Mansel Thomas for a broadcast of the Cherubini's "Requiem in D Minor".

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**BBC TV Studios, Cardiff**

The Choir broadcast another television programme, "Croeso".

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

**Salvation Army Citadel, Pentre**

The concert was held to install a new heating system in the Citadel. Soloists were Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and elocutionist Bethan Harcombe.

## APRIL

**Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy**

The Choir made another record for Qualiton.

**Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St Matthews Bath, Ipswich**

A third visit to Ipswich saw the Choir raise funds for the Mayor's Appeal and for OAP Welfare. They were joined by artistes Margaret Morpew and Sam Griffiths.

## MAY

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

**Tabernacl Newydd, Port Talbot**

Agnes Jenkins Griffiths, Sam Griffiths and Grant Davidson (organist) joined the Choir at Port Talbot.

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

**Rehearsal Room, Treorchy**

A recording was made for Network 3

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Market Hall, Brecon**

The Choir was joined by soloists Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths for Mayor J.V.C. Thomas who originated from Cwmparc.

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Welfare Hall, Tumble**

The second engagement of the day in Tumble again featured soloists Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths.

## JUNE

**Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cory Hall, Cardiff**

The Choir broadcast another "Aelwyd Y Gan" for the BBC.

## SEPTEMBER

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

#### Sophia Gardens, Cardiff

A concert with the BBC Welsh Orchestra (conductor Rae Jenkins) was broadcast on the Welsh Home Service. Also featured was Joan Carlyle (soprano), Helen Watts (contralto), Trevor Anthony (bass) and harpist Osian Ellis. The event was organised by the British Association of the Advancement of Science.

### Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Salem Chapel, Llantwit Fardre

The concert in Llantwit Fardre featured soloists Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Sam Griffiths and was held in aid of the Church Organ Fund.

## OCTOBER

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

#### Libanus Chapel, Treherbert

A concert was held for the NSPCC and featured Herbert Jones and Sam Griffiths.

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

#### James Street Methodist Church, Ebbw Vale

A concert was held for chapel funds and featured soprano Betti Jones.

### Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>

#### BBC TV Studios, Cardiff

The Choir broadcast another edition of "Croeso".

### Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Ebenezer Chapel, Tonypany

Another chapel fundraising concert was held with Agnes Jenkins Griffiths and Herbert Jones as soloists.

### Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Ninian Park, Cardiff

John Haydn Davies led the Choir, and the entire Ninian Park football stadium, with the congregational singing prior to the Wales vs Scotland international match. The Choir performed with the Cory Band (Conductor T. J. Powell).

### Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Rugby Club, Treorchy

The Choir made a television broadcast called "Going to Town."

## NOVEMBER

### Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Capital Cinema, Carmarthen

For the first time the Choir performed with the celebrated Welsh tenor David Lloyd. The event was held in aid of the Carmarthen Blind Society and also feature soprano Elizabeth Vaughan and baritones Kevin Shamples.

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wales Empire Pool, Cardiff**

The Choir appeared at the Wales Empire Pool Diving Championships in aid of Tenovus.

**Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Abertillery**

A concert was held to raise funds for the Friends of the Hospital League.

## **DECEMBER**

**Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**St Matthews Hall, Treorchy**

The concert in Treorchy rose funds for the Spastic Society.

**Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**BBC TV Studios, Cardiff**

The Choir recorded a festive edition of “Aelwyd y Gan” to be broadcast on Christmas Day.

**Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Rehearsal Room, Treorchy**

The Choir made another “All Together” programme with Alun Williams. A group of 40 students were also present, representing 26 different countries.