

TREORCHY MALE CHOIR



BRIEF HISTORY 1966

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FEBRUARY

Tuesday February 1st

Rehearsal Room, Treorchy

The Choir sang four songs in four languages for the Commonwealth Press Visitors.

Thursday February 10th

Gwyn Hall, Neath

Organised by Forward Movement Presbyterian Church in Neath. Soloists were Jennifer Evans, Allan Landry (cornet) and tenor David Parker.

Saturday February 26th

Grammar School, Ystalyfera

The Choir appeared in Ystalyfera in a concert organised by the Grammar School Parents Association which also featured Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

Sunday February 27th

ITV Studio, Cardiff

The Choir made a television programme at the Pontcanna Studios.

MARCH

Friday March 4th

Cory Hall, Cardiff

The Choir recorded Cherubini's Requiem with the BBC Welsh Orchestra, conductor Mansel Thomas.

Saturday March 5th

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Wednesday March 16th

GUS Factory, Treorchy

The Choir made an "All Together" broadcast with Alun Williams and soloists Betti Jones and John Morgan

Saturday March 19th

Salem Capel y Cwm, Bonynmaen

The Choir made its first visit to this venue with soloists Candelia Morgan (soprano) and Richard Rees (bass). Also appearing was the Ystalyfera Band.

Thursday March 24th

Wesley Methodist Church, Bridgend

The Choir appeared in Bridgend with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

APRIL

Friday April 8th

Park & Dare Theatre, Treorchy

The Choir held its first Good Friday Concert with the Parc & Dare Band, Conductor Ieuan Morgan, at the Park & Dare Theatre, Treorchy

Saturday April 16th

Coventry Cathedral

John Cynan Jones was accompanist for the first time in a concert due to the unavailability of Tom Jones. The concert raised funds for mentally handicapped children and featured Richard Rees (bass) and Maldwyn Phillips (tenor).

Thursday April 21st

St Julian School, Newport

Organised by the National and Local Government Officers Association, the concert also featured Herbert Jones and Sam Griffiths.

Friday April 29th

Memorial Hall, Barry

The Choir appeared on the "Music from Wales" radio programme featuring the BBC Welsh Orchestra (Conductor Meredith Davies), Elizabeth Vaughan, Osian Ellis and actor Donald Houston.

Saturday April 30th

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MAY

Monday May 9th

EMI Factory, Treorchy

The Choir broadcast another "All Together" with Alun Williams. Soloists were Stuart Burrows, John Morgan and accompanist Bryan Davies.

Saturday May 14th

Shire Hall, Hereford

Organised by the Lions International (Hereford Branch), the Choir shared the stage with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

JUNE

Friday June 3rd

Rehearsal Room, Treorchy

An American TV company recorded the Choir's performance.

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Cambrian Colliery, Clydach Vale

The Choir filmed a scene for an American network TV show.

Saturday June 18th

Llandaff Cathedral

The Choir performed Brahms "Alto Rhapsody" at the Llandaff Festival of Music in Llandaff Cathedral. Soloists were Helen Watts (contralto) and organist V Anthony Lewis.

Tuesday June 28th

Rehearsal Room, Treorchy

The Choir made a BBC sounds recording.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday September 14th

Abercerdin School, Gilfach Goch

The Choir shared the stage with Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

Wednesday September 21st

Park & Dare Theatre, Treorchy

A Retirement Concert was held for Dr Armstrong and Dr Acraman, Soloist were Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

Saturday September 24th

Comprehensive School, Bedworth

Organised by the Bedworth District Council, the concert also featured Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

Tuesday September 27th

Death of Tom Jenkins, Vice President of the Choir and Secretary of the troubled pre-war Choir.

OCTOBER

Wednesday October 18th

Town Hall, Maesteg

The concert was held to raise funds for the 1st Caerau Boy Scout Troop Fund and featured Elvira Henry and Herbert Jones.

Saturday October 22nd

Rank Xerox Factory, Micheldean

At the concert in Micheldean a collection took place for the Aberfan Disaster Fund.

NOVEMBER

Saturday November 12th

Central Hall, Tonypandy

Organised by the Pontypridd and Rhondda Round Table Festival of Music Week Committee, the concert also featured Herbert Jones and Sam Griffiths.

Tuesday November 22nd

Royal Albert Hall, London

The Choir was honoured to appear at the "The Royal Concert" (Festival of St. Cecelia) in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in the Royal Albert Hall, London. Treorchy Male Choir was the first Welsh choir to be invited to this prestigious event. Also performing was the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Elizabeth Harwood and John Ogden.

DECEMBER

Thursday December 1st

School Hall, Blackwood

Organised by the Bedwellty Urban District Council in aid of the local OAP Group, the concert also featured Sam Griffiths and Herbert Jones.

Saturday December 10th

Memorial Hall, Barry

The Choir joined forces with the BBC Welsh Orchestra, Alun Grammar School Choir, Brian Hoey, Rhiannon Davies and Geraint Evans for a BBC TV programme called "Music from Wales".

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Tuesday December 20th

Noddfa Chapel, Treorchy

A BBC sounds recording was made from Noddfa with baritone Sam Griffiths.