

## **Trustees' Annual Report 2019**

**Charity Name:** Cymdeithas Côr Meibion Caerfyrddin

**Charity Registration Number:** 259482

**Charity Address:** The address of the Secretary (Tŷ Hir, Picton Court, Caerfyrddin SA31 3DQ)

### **Trustees:**

Dai Lewis (Chairman)

Kevin Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Steve Thomas (Treasurer)

Huw Michael (Secretary)

**Governing document:** Constitution adopted at Choir EGM on 22/08/2017

### **Objects:**

The objects of the Choir shall be the advancement of public education in the art of choral music, and the learning and public performance of choral works, whilst assisting charitable causes.

## **Activities, Achievements and Performance during 2019.**

### Governance

There were no changes to the Choir's Constitution during 2019.

### Officials.

Dewi Jones' successful 2-year term as Chairman came to an end in February 2019, and he was replaced by the Vice-Chairman, Dai Lewis. Kevin Thomas (T1) was duly elected Vice-Chairman at the February AGM. There were no other changes to the choir officials in 2019. The position of Minutes Secretary remained un-filled.

### Membership

The annual membership fee remained unchanged at £120 per year in 2019.

Two members resigned from the choir in early 2019: Alan Cash Evans (T2), and Ken Morris (B2). Alan had only been a member for around 6 months. Ken had given the choir many years' of faithful service, and we will miss his contribution to the Bass section.

Around mid-year, we were sorry to receive Andrew Hardwick (B1)'s resignation from the choir, having given a number of years of valuable service, including co-ordinating the production of the choir's CD recording in 2015.

We welcomed Iori Jones (T1) and Ieuan Phillips (B1) back to their choir after a period of absence, and we also welcomed Richard Evans as a new member of the Bass section

The number of choir members at the end of the year was 35.

### Attendance

Attendance at rehearsals was fairly consistent around the 26 - 30 mark.

Attendance at performances was at a similar, sometimes lower level, between 20 and 26. For the choir's annual concert on 2 November we had 29 choristers on stage.

### Concerts

The highlight of the year was the Choir's Annual Concert at Christ Church on 2nd November. Guest artistes for the evening were the Vittari Duo (Nia-Bethan Squirrel (violin) and Alexandra Lucas (flute)), and the Drybrook and District Ladies Choir from the Forest of Dean. Despite the atrocious weather (again, for the second year running!), a reasonable number of supporters attended

the concert. The evening's President was Mr Gwilym Dyfri Jones, Provost of UWTSD, who addressed the audience with well-chosen words after the interval, and made a generous donation to the choir.

The Choir also participated in the Royal British Legion Remembrance Day concert in the Lyric Theatre on 19th October along with three other local choirs (Mynydd Mawr, Dyffryn Tywi and Burry Port Male Voice Choirs) forming a larger choir on the stage. The choir conductor for the evening was the renowned Dr Alwyn Humphreys.

### Other Performances

The Choir sang at a number of events in Carmarthen town, in support of the Mayor of Carmarthen (Emlyn Schiavone (B1) up to May 2019, and Jeff Thomas (B1), Choir President, from May onwards).

St David's Day Parade - March

Mayor's civic service - June

International Peace Day - September

Christmas Lights switch-on on Guildhall Square - November

Mayor's Charity event - November

The Choir sang at the annual Cymanfa Ganu in Priordy Chapel in September, and at the National Botanic Garden Winter Fayre in November.

Also, we sang at the Holstein Society dinner at the Stradey Park Hotel in July at the invitation of the new UK President, Mr Brian Thomas, Gelli-ddu Farm, Cwmffrwd.

### Weddings

We sang at 3 weddings during the year. Our performances were well received at all the weddings.

June - Brangwyn Hall, Swansea (Rebecca Stone)

August - New Dairies Club (Dorian and Corina Colling)

December - White Hart, Llandeilo (Gruffydd and Mair)

### Funerals

None.

### Charities

Owing to the healthy state of the finances, the Choir committee decided in 4Q18 to continue to make donations to local charities in 2019, but twice during the year rather than each quarter:

2Q - Tŷ Cymorth Hospice - £250

3Q- RABI - held a Gymanfa Ganu at Nant-y-Ci without charge to RABI- donation in kind

In addition, the choir performed at the following events to raise money for charity:

Tenovus - Christ Church (annual Christmas Concert)

Merched y Wawr Plygain - Hafan Glyd (Dementia Centre) - and donated £60 by paying for the entry programmes.

### Social Activities:

Trip to St Fagans by coach - April - followed by Pie and Mash at the Quins Club

### Ladies' Committee

The Choir thanks the Ladies' Committee for their continued support in supplying the choir members' uniform, and arranging refreshments at the concert and social events.

### Repertoire

The choir added the following new items to its repertoire in 2019: Do You Hear the People Sing?; Y Cwm; Unwaith Eto 'Nghymru Annwyl.

The choir's repertoire is listed on the website.

### Conductor and accompanist

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of the services of the Reverend Wyn Maskell (and Ms Heather Williams. We are indeed fortunate to have these two talented musicians at our service.