

Trustees' Annual Report 2023

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:

Kevin Thomas (Chairman)

Haydn Lloyd (Vice-Chairman)

Ieuan Phillips (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 2023.

Governance

There were no changes to the Choir's Constitution during 2023.

Officials.

At the beginning of the year, Jeff Thomas announced that he was standing down as President after 9 years and wanted to hand over the reins to a younger person. Jeff nominated Iwan Griffiths as the new President and Iwan was appointed in March 2023. Jeff was thanked for his outstanding work and leadership over a period of 9 years as President.

Dai Lewis took over as Section Representative of B2 with Richard Evans continuing as Facebook/ Website Co-ordinator. There were no other changes.

Membership

The annual membership fee was again held at £60 a year 2023.

A number of new members joined the choir during the year: Tim Vaughan (B2), Graham Bumford (B2), Emyr Phillips (T2) a Richard Gledhill (B2).

Sadly, Huw Williams (B2) passed away after a short illness on 17th of August. Rest in Peace.

Dai Jones, Pencader, was absent throughout the year due to ill health, while Deian Griffiths, Gwyddgrug, was also absent for most of the year owing to responsibility in caring for his elderly parents. Sadly, Deian's father passed away in October, followed by his mother in mid December.

The number of choir members at the end of 2023 stands at 29.

Attendance

Attendance at the weekly rehearsals was typically 18-20 for most of the year but improved to 20 -25 with the addition of the new members and as the date of the November concert approached.

Concerts

The highlight of the first half of the year was the Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff under the baton of Alwyn Humphreys on June 24th. 19 of our choristers participated. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, and a coach was laid on to take us there and back.

The highlight of the 2nd half of the year was undoubtedly our concert in Christ Church on Saturday 18th November, celebrating 65 years since the formation of the choir in 1958. The church was full to listen to the choir and the guest artistes: Ffion Hâf (mezzo soprano), Owain Rowlands (baritone), Saxybrass, Meirion Wynn Jones (organist and guest accompanist). 27 choristers were on stage for the concert. The evening's proceeds were shared with Prostate Cymru.

Other Performances

- Top of the Town festival 29th July, Nott Square.
- Carmarthen Park on Saturday 19th August as part of Carmarthen Town Council's summer entertainment programme.
- Plasydderwen Care Home on Tuesday, 21st November.
- Tenovus charity concert in St Peter's Church on 28th November.
- Hafan Tywi retirement flats on Tuesday, 12th December.

Weddings

7 July 2023: Wedding in St Cennydd's Church, Llangennith (Ellie a Joe)

Funerals

The Choir was well represented at Huw Williams' funeral on the 2nd of September at St. Peter's Church. The choir sang Calon Lan to the tune "The Rose" as part of the funeral service.

Charities

£100 was donated to Prosiect23 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd in May.
£1600 was donated to Prostate Cymru i.e. half the proceeds from our November concert.

Social Activities:

The Pie and Mash night at the Quins Club on the 6th of June was veery well attended. An enjoyable evening of fun was had, with singing competitions between the 4 choir sections as well as the traditional limerick competition and sentence construction competition.

Ladies' Committee

The Choir thanks the Ladies' Committee for their continued support, especially for taking care of the choir uniforms, for organising the Pie and Mash night, and for the refreshments and other help with the November concert arrangements.

Repertoire

We focused mainly on learning the songs for the two WAMC concerts in 2023 and 2024.

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. Wyn still travels from Felinfach to Carmarthen every week to take our weekly rehearsals. We are indeed fortunate to have these two talented musicians at our service.