



Pontnewydd Male Choir

CHOIR NEWSLETTER

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From Chairman Ian Evans

The continued absence due to ill-health of Roy Fisher, our long-term newsletter editor, has left a big gap, not only in the practice room but also in our efforts to communicate news and event information to choristers and supporters. We all wish him a speedy return to robust health.

As a result, I thought I would attempt to provide an update on recent choir developments.

As Covid restrictions were lifted, the choir returned to full 4-part practice in January and under the direction of our new Musical Director, Sarah Jones, we have returned to “concert standards” of performance. Initially concentrating on refreshing our core programme, Sarah has also started to introduce new pieces into our repertoire.

Practice nights – All choristers please note!

The months of July and August have proved quite a challenge for the choir with the effects of Covid, summer holidays and this prolonged period of hot weather impacting on attendance on practice nights. Consequently, the Management Committee have decided to cancel Friday night practice for the remainder of August with immediate effect. However, we will be extending our Tuesday night practice as from Tuesday 16th August to 2 hours, commencing at 7pm and finishing at 9pm.

We will return to our usual practice arrangements of Tuesdays and Fridays from Tuesday 6th September but commence 15 minutes earlier at 7.30pm and finishing at 9pm.

Engagements

The months leading up to Christmas are going to be quite busy for the choir and I have listed below our current list of engagements between now and then ...

Item	Date	Arrival Time	Venue	Address
Leadon Court	30/08/22	1:40 for 2:00 start	Leadon Court	Thornhill, Cwmbran, NP44 5TZ
New Inn Pensioners	8/09/22	6:45 Start 7:15	New Inn Pensioners Hall	New Road, New Inn, NP4 0PZ
Police HQ opening	5/10/22	TBA	New Police HQ	Turnpike Rd, Cwmbran NP44 2AG
PMC / PLC combined	7/10/22	TBA	St Gabriels Church	Clomendy Road, Cwmbran NP44 3LR
WAM combined practice for SDH	9/10/22	12:30 1:00 start	St Julians School	Heather Road, Newport NP19 7XU
West Pontnewydd Hall Fundraiser	21/10/22	7:00pm	West Pontnewydd Hall	Cwmbran, NP44 1JY
Remembrance Service	9/11/22	TBA	Holy Trinity Church	Pontnewydd, Cwmbran NP44 1AT
Lovelight Concert	6/12/22	TBA	Newport Cathedral	Stow Hill, Newport NP20 4EA
Rural Concierge Herefordshire	21/12/22	3:00 3:30 start	Parkway Hotel	Cwmbran Drive NP44 4UW

Looking ahead to 2023 we are planning our Annual Concert to be held at Rougemont School in April and a tour to Kent in August.

In addition, we will be singing at the re-arranged Welsh Association of Male Choirs event at St David's Hall, Cardiff on 26th June.

More information on these events will follow in later newsletters.

Best regards

Ian