

Trustees' Annual Report 2020

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)

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 2020.

Unfortunately, following the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 virus, Choir activities were suspended in mid-March 2020 for the remainder of the year 2020. This meant that the much anticipated 5-day tour of Belgium that had been planned for June 2020 had to be cancelled, with full refunds of all deposits paid in advance.

The Trustees sincerely hope that we will be able to restart activities after Easter 2021.

Governance

There were no changes to the Choir's Constitution during 2020.

Officials.

Steve Thomas (B2) announced that he would step down as Treasurer at the end of 2019, and also intended to resign his choir membership. The Choir as a whole is grateful and appreciative of Steve's valuable service as Treasurer, and also for his work in co-ordinating the organisation of a number of our annual concerts during his time as a member. The Committee elected Ieuan Phillips (B1) as Treasurer from the beginning of 2020, and we wish Ieuan well in this role.

Richard Evans (B2) was appointed as Website and Facebook Co-ordinator, and we thank Richard for being willing to take on this important role.

Membership

The annual membership fee remained unchanged at £120 per year in 2020. However, in response to the suspension of activities since mid-March, the Committee decided to reduce the membership fee to £30 for 2020.

In addition to the departure of Steve Thomas (B2), Mike Brown (T1) gave notice in October of his intention to resign from the choir owing to health problems.

Three prospective new members started attending practices in early February: Paul Endicott (T1), Stuart Davies (B1) and Steve Martin (B1).

The number of choir members at the end of the year was 35, including the three prospective new members.

Attendance

Attendance at weekly rehearsals was fairly consistent at between 20 and 27, with an average of 23 up to and including March 10th.

Concerts

The only concert was the Cawl a Chân event in Tafarn Cwrw in King St on 29th of February. It was a very enjoyable evening which included the audience singing along following the performance on

stage by the Choir. Wyn, our conductor, had brought song sheets to encourage the communal singing, which proved very successful.

Other Performances

There were no other performances before the suspension of activities in mid-March 2020

Weddings

None.

Funerals

None.

Charities

Owing to the healthy state of the finances, the Choir committee decided in 4Q19 to continue to make donations to local charities in 2020, and donations were made to the following charities:

2Q - Wales Air Ambulance - £250

4Q - Carmarthen Dementia Centre (through Crossroads Sir Gâr) - £250

Social Activities:

None other than the Cawl a Chân evening in the Cwrw pub on 29/02/2020.

Ladies' Committee

The Choir thanks the Ladies' Committee for their continued support in supplying the choir members' uniform.

Repertoire

The learning of new items began in February including the following items that are included in the next WAMC Albert Hall concert (originally planned for April 2021, but now postponed until 2023).
New items: World in Union, Rock a My Soul, Kumbayah.

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 moved to Felinfach at the end of 2019 to take up his new position as Vicar of the Ciliau Aeron parish, but was still committed to travelling to Carmarthen every week to take our weekly rehearsals. We are indeed fortunate to have these two talented musicians at our service.