

**Memorial Concerts:** During a weekend in June we gathered twice to take part in Memorial Concerts for two former choristers who passed away last year. We celebrated the life of tenor Dennis Jones with a concert in Alpha Chapel, where we were joined by the Ladies Choir and “Parti Cut Lloi” with their conductor Sian James who hail from Dennis’s former home in North Powys.

The Victoria Hall in Llanwrtyd was the venue for the memorial concert for John Keates who had been part of the Choir’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Bass section. For the first time we sang in a joint concert



with Llandovery MVC, as John had also been one of their members . We enjoyed music and singing from Pat Dryden and the delightful sisters Carys, Teleri and Siriol Dyer who had been neighbours of John and Lesley. We also remembered Fred Phillips, another 2<sup>nd</sup> Bass, who died in 2010 and dedicated our St David’s Day Concert last year to the memory of our old comrades.



### Vice Presidents Club

Thanks to all our VPs for your valued support. We look forward to seeing you at future concerts and particularly when we sing at the Royal Albert Hall Festival in October 2012

## Concerts for 2012 - 2013

Date	Time	Venue	Activity
<b>April 2012</b>			
Fri 27 April		Jubilee Hall, Llanellwedd	Concert
<b>May 2012</b>			
Fri 18th May	7:30pm	Village Hall, Llangorse	Concert
Sat 19th May	7.30pm	Pavilion, Llandrindod	Joint Concert with Drake Choir and Chamber Choir from Illinois
<b>June 2012</b>			
Sun 17th June	1:00pm	Tabernacle Chapel, Morriston	Regional Rehearsal for Royal Albert Hall
<b>July 2012</b>			
Sat 7th July	7:30pm	Hymns Farm, Kinnerton	Concert
<b>September 2012</b>			
Sat 1st Sept	TBA	Metropole Hotel Llandrindod	After-dinner concert for Car Club
<b>October 2012</b>			
Sat 13th Oct	7:30pm	Royal Albert Hall, London	London Welsh Festival of Male Choirs
Fri 26th Oct	7:30pm	Merthyr Cynog Community Hall	Concert
<b>March 2013</b>			
Sat 2nd March	7:30 pm	TBA	St David's Concert with Gentlemen Songsters of Dudley



**The award winning Drake Chamber Choir from Illinois will perform with Buith MVC at the Pavilion, Llandrindod Wells on 19 May 2012**

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## Spring 2012



### St. David's Day Concert 2012

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## 2011 : Highlights

**New CD:** The Choir spent a busy weekend in January 2011 at Builth Primary School Hall with a production team from Sain who helped us record our latest CD. It was hard work, but our musical team declared themselves satisfied with the results!



**St David's Day Concert:** Our Dewi Sant celebration took place in the Sports Centre where we were delighted to welcome back our friends from Swindon MVC, who we visited the previous year. Our talented young soloist, Trystan Llyr Griffiths from Whitland, delighted the audience with his clear tenor voice.

**Weddings:** The Choir is in popular demand to sing at wedding ceremonies and has undertaken number of engagements in the year.



Here the choir is seen with the happy couple after their wedding at Llandewi Church in May 2011.

**Hay Festival Massed Choirs Concert:** We enjoyed linking up with friends from Talgarth, Brecon and Rhayader Choirs to open the Hay Festival with a concert in memory of Lord Livsey, the former Brecon and Radnor MP who died in 2010.

### **Millennium Stadium Massed Choirs:**

We joined with even more choirs at the Millennium Stadium in June for the massed choirs singing prior to the Wales v. Barbarians match. WRU Musical Director Haydn James was delighted that he'd amassed over 1000 voices for an enjoyable sing.



**Dudley weekend:** In October we travelled to Dudley Kingswinford to perform in a joint concert at the invitation of the "*Gentlemen Songsters MVC*". In a packed church we raised large sums for local charities singing in what their Chairman called : "the best joint concert in living memory". The Choir and supporters were treated to excellent hospitality from our hosts. We returned home in beautiful autumn weather enjoying a visit to the Severn-side town of Bewdley and an excellent carvery lunch in the Wyre Forest.

**Anniversary Concert:** The Builth Branch of the Royal British Legion celebrated the Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special Concert in Alpha Chapel, where we joined the Builth Ladies Choir and local soloists, Sarah Thomas and Sophie Jones,. A packed chapel helped the Legion's Poppy Appeal to break all previous records.

### **Brecon Cathedral:**

A first for the choir was our appearance at Brecon Cathedral where we took part in a Charity Concert for "Tenovus". The acoustics in the Cathedral are superb and the choir is delighted to be asked to sing at two weddings in the Cathedral in 2012.



**Chorister retirements:** In recent years some of our most loyal long service members have felt it was time for retirement from the Choir. They commented that standing still for long periods of time at concerts was not as much fun as it used to be. As a mark of our appreciation for their long service and valuable contributions to the Choir the following loyal members will receive Choir Shields : John Davies (1<sup>st</sup> tenor- 20 years), John Evans (1<sup>st</sup> tenor- 40 years), Danny Jones (baritone—35 years), Denzil Jones (1<sup>st</sup> tenor -29 years)