



## Chorister Profile – Allan Smith



Allan was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1954 in Llwynypia Hospital in the Rhondda Valley. He first attended Craig-Yr-Eos Infants School before finishing his schooling at Craig-Yr-Eos Secondary Modern School. He was first employed as an apprentice at GKN Cardiff. He is currently employed by the Royal Mint in Llantrisant as a Coin Production Striking Team Leader. Allan is married to Delyth and they have two sons and two grand sons. Allan records his hobbies as "The caravan, fishing and of course the Choir".

Allan joined the Cambrian Male Voice Choir in 1979. We can, in fact, thank the influence of another choir for Allan's services as he explains, "I joined the Choir after a trip to Scotland. I stayed at the same hotel as the Duvant Choir and it was the experience of that weekend that led me to the Cambrian". Having been a member for over thirty years, Allan names his favourite song as "Castilla".

Allan has been an integral part of the choir in many competitions. He remembers the disappointments when the choir came very close to winning some of the competitions, but names his most memorable moment as "Winning the Welsh choir of the year at Brean Sands". He states his favourite venue where he has sung as St David's Hall in Cardiff.

What has being a member of Cambrian Male Voice Choir meant to Allan? He replies, "It has given me the opportunity to travel the world with some great friends". So how would he describe the choir to anyone prospective member? His answer is, "Friendship, fun and enjoyment".

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