



Chorister Profile – John Huw Skinner



John was born on the 22nd July 1935 in Penygraig in the Rhondda Valley. His first school was Tai Boys School, Penygraig, before completing his state education at Porth County School for Boys. On leaving school, he joined BOAC as an aircraft engine fitter. He is currently retired though drives a delivery van, part time, for his son. John is married to Nancy, and they have three sons, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

John's hobbies are miniature doll's houses and vintage model cars. Digressing slightly, it is interesting to learn that Nancy has a long association with Cambrian Male Voice. One of her earliest recollections was "as a twelve year old, selling programmes at a choir concert in Tonypandy Central Hall".

John joined the Choir in 1991 in the second tenor section. In his own words "I was asked by my brother-in-law to join because I had retired from work and needed another interest". John's favourite choral piece is 'Eli Jenkins Prayer'.

John has been involved in a number of tours with the choir, but he thinks his most memorable was during the tour to Canada. Of all the places he has sung, his favourite is The Royal Albert Hall.

What has his membership of the Choir meant to him? He quotes "friendship, another interest and travel" as the three main benefits. On being asked to describe Cambrian Male Voice, John sums it up as "enjoyable, camaraderie and an evening out".

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