

Come on Wales !!!!!!!

“Where shall we watch the match?” “I hear Tenerife is nice this time of year!”

The following article appeared in the Rhondda Leader on 7th January 2013. It relates to the time a number of choristers decided to support Wales, in their match against Scotland, from the warm climate of Tenerife.

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Choir reflect on their Tenerife trip

WITH the Six Nations rugby tournament almost upon us, a valley choir will reflect on a time that some of their members headed for Spain and not Scotland to watch Wales play.

In 1999, Wales faced Scotland at Murrayfield but instead of making the trip up north Cambrian Male Voice choir members decided to hop on a plane and travel to Tenerife to watch the match.

Choir press officer Roy Gibbins said: “It was quite a chilly time in the valley so the members decided to soak up the sun and swap the scarves for sombreros and watch the match on a Tenerife telly.

“The only downside was that Wales lost the match 32-20.”

Mr Gibbins said that the group had difficulty finding a screen to watch the tie.

The choir which is based in the NUM club Tonypandy, was formed in 1947 and presently has 42 members.

Mr Gibbins said: “The choir will perform in three concerts in Malta in April and there are a lot of other engagements lined up.

“So we are looking forward to a busy 2013.”

Wales play Ireland this weekend in the Six Nations opener.

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TO START this week, we have this old picture of Cambrian Male Voice Choir.

In 1999, Wales faced Scotland at Murrayfield but instead of making the trip up north, the Cambrian Male Voice Choir members decided to hop on a plane and travel to Tenerife to watch the match. This picture, which appeared in the Rhondda Leader 14 years ago, shows choir members Alwyn Davies, Arthur Hayward (senior), Danny Bassett, Arthur Hayward (junior), Gordon Thomas, Barry Lovell and tour organiser Bert Jones.

Secondly, we have been sent



Scarves on – and round the pool!

FOR the first time in 40 years members of a Valleys' choir have decided to forego the biennial Scotland v Wales Five Nations game for sunnier climes.

Fervent Welsh rugby fans from Cambrian Male Voice Choir, in Tonypany, have braved the cold weather to travel up to Scotland since 1957.

But instead of supporting the team in chilly Murrayfield on Saturday, the choir is going to enjoy the match on satellite from the Spanish holiday resort of Tenerife!

Choir member Bert Jones, 64, of Jones Street, Blaenclydach, who works at a bookmakers, said: "We held a committee meeting and decided to do something different for a change."

"If we can get hold of a TV we will watch the game sitting by the hotel swimming pool, wearing our red and white scarves and sweatshirts."

Early yesterday morning they flew from Cardiff Airport to Tenerife where they will spend a week.

CHANGE OF HABIT: Members of Cambrian Male voice choir opt for sunny Tenerife instead of the usual chilly Murrayfield.