

## **Chorister Profile – Adrian Cooksey**



Adrian was born on the 10<sup>th</sup>
November 1948 in Llwynypia in the
Rhondda Valley. He attended CraigYr-Eos Junior School before
progressing onto Craig-Yr-Eos
Secondary School. After leaving
school his first employment was as a
progress chaser. He currently works
as a warehouse/delivery driver.
Adrian is married to Margaret and
they have four children and six grand

children. He lists his hobbies as playing the guitar, rugby and the Choir.

Adrian joined the second bass section of the choir in 1973. When pressed for the reasons he joined the choir, he reckons it was "pressure from friends and the family". His choice of favourite song is "Martyrs of the Arena". Being a member of considerable experience, his recollection of one of his most memorable moments with the choir is a fairly recent one. It centres on the fact the Choir were invited to sing on the field of the Millennium Stadium before the Rugby World Cup Final in 1999. However his most memorable moment occurred after the game. Having been evicted from the Stadium before the start of the game they were invited to watch the final in St David's Hall. He then explains that after the game the choir gathered and started "Singing in an impromptu concert outside St David's Hall in Cardiff, after the 1999 Rugby World Cup final". Like many other choristers, his preferred venue at which he has sung is The Royal Albert Hall.

What has being a member of Cambrian meant to Adrian? He explains, "Travelling and meeting people, enjoying the music in the company of friends". For anyone reading this who doesn't know Cambrian Male Voice, how would he describe the choir? His answer is, "A friendly, fun and sociable organisation".

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