



Chorister Profile – Bert Jones



Bert was born on 8th February 1932 in Uxbridge Middlesex. He attended Alaw Junior School in Trealaw before completing his schooling at Porth Grammar School. Bert is married to Eirwen and they have three children and eight grand children.

His first employment after leaving school was as an insurance agent, though afterwards he did forty years service in the Bookmaking Trade. Bert is now retired. He lists his main hobby as “trying to stay in tune with the choir”.

He joined the choir in 1959 about the same time as fellow chorister Gordon Thomas. Bert has sung in the first bass section with unbroken service since then. He is one of our longest serving members. His reason for joining is quite interesting. He reckons he was “Being constantly badgered for three years (after getting married in 1956 and moving from Trealaw to Blaenclydach) by local barber Syd Parsons, who was a first bass in the choir at the time, and charged 1/6d (7 1/2p) for a short back and sides”. Bert is unable to name one particular favourite song, he states “there are too many to mention”.

When asked to recall a favourite moment Bert explains “finally leaving on 23rd August 1974 for our tour of Germany, after nearly 2 years of frustrating correspondence as Concert Secretary. Then on the ferry, seeing Arthur Hayward Snr given a surprise cake on his 53rd birthday. Magic”.

Of the many wonderful arenas visited by the choir, Bert lists The Miami Cathedral, USA as his particular favourite.

So what has being a member of Cambrian Male Voice meant to Bert? He replies, “ The obvious clichés of course, the camaraderie etc, but mainly being part of a group of singers some of whom had, and have, exceptional voices”. In summing up Bert clearly states the choir has been “responsible for some unforgettable memories”

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