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Breaking News: Chairman Huw Edwards stands down

At the Annual General Meeting held at Monmouth Baptist Church on Thursday 2nd February, Huw Edwards stood down as Chairman of the Choir after giving ten years sterling service.

Huw had been Chairman from the outset and was instrumental in the choir's formation back in 2012. A close friend of the founder, Aneirin Hughes, Huw used his wealth of contacts, many gleaned during his days as a Labour MP for Monmouth, to the considerable advantage of **MMVC** and was influential in securing their first appearance at the Royal Albert Hall in 2014. He then followed this up by obtaining a spot on the hallowed turf of the Principality Stadium for the Monmouth men to sing the anthems prior to the Wales v Scotland international in 2016, a feat he repeated in 2022 when the choir returned to the stadium to sing prior to the Georgia Autumn International. In 2017 he was successful in persuading the Regimental Band of the Royal Welsh to perform with the choir at the Blake Theatre. The concert was a sell out and to this day, many still regard it as the finest performance (to date) by the choir.

Huw will be hugely missed as Chairman but at least the choir will still benefit from his melodious voice (even though he has switched to 1st tenor)! Having had previous experience of male voice singing with Gwalia Male Choir in London, Huw brought some much needed polish to the fledgling choir and as one of the few Welsh speakers, his linguistic skills were equally appreciated.

Huw has assured all members of **MMVC** that he will continue to help and guide in any way he can, but from the 'wings', as after ten years he feels now is an appropriate time to hand over the reigns to the new Chairman and former Vice Chair, **Richard Mitchley**.

Gallery Huw



Leading from the front at the 2015 Gala Concert



With wife Tess at the Champagne Reception 2022



Discussing the serious matter of burger purchase with the Vice Chair 2016



On Chairman duty, Hereford 2022



Enjoying an afterglow with the (Conservative) MP for Monmouth, David Davies 2018

At the close of the AGM Huw was made an **Honorary Life Member** of MMVC in recognition for his devoted service to the choir.

Diolch yn fawr iawn Huw, from all members of MMVC.