

Monobites

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Exciting, busy time for MMVC

The choir began 2023 in Usk Rugby Club providing the entertainment at a 60th birthday celebration. The guests were treated to some upbeat numbers which were very well received, the host saying: *"It was absolutely fantastic and my Mum was over the moon and it made her birthday so special. Everyone is so talented!"*

This was followed on 28th January by a highly successful concert in support of St Nicholas Church in Trellech. Here the choir performed an eclectic mix from their repertoire, including the spiritual *Steal Away*, a number they hadn't sung for quite some time. Afterwards one delighted supporter said: *"A lovely programme of singing. A beautiful rising and falling 'wall' of sound with changes of mood. An inspiring few hours of songs old and new. Well done Monmouth Male Voice Choir. A credit to our town and surrounding area."*



Lewis Hutton conducts the choir at Trellech

February AGM sees new committee elected

Choristers turned out in force for the AGM held at the Baptist Church on 2nd February and witnessed a changing of the guard with long standing Chairman Huw Edwards handing over to Richard Mitchley. As a thank you for his devoted service, Huw was made an Honorary Life Member. The committee were then boosted by the election of a number of newcomers to serve during 2023.

Future strategy meeting: Committee members, plus MD Lewis Hutton, recently attended a planning and strategy meeting hosted at Five Springs, Trellech. The meeting, facilitated by David Roberts and Chris Rhodes, considered plans for the choir's development over the next five years. Each participant was asked to provide a headline

vision of how the choir might look in 2027 and provide attributes and core values to support that vision. Many interesting and contrasting views were forthcoming and will help form the basis of an action plan for the future.

Mid February saw a wedding performance at Our Lady and St Michael's RC Church in Abergavenny. Choristers are always delighted to sing at such joyful events and anyone interested in making a wedding booking can download the choir **Wedding Package** from their web page www.monmvc.org.uk



Deputy MD Allan Waters conducts at the Abergavenny wedding

Support for Monmouth Rugby Club

St Mary's Priory Church was, once again, bursting at the seams on Friday 24th February when the choir joined London Welsh Rugby Club Choir (opposite) for a concert to celebrate 150 years of rugby in Monmouth. Both choirs delighted their supporters with a varied mix of songs before



adjourning to Monmouth Rugby Club for a buzzing afterglow that lasted into the early hours! **MMVC** wish all London Welsh choristers an enjoyable weekend in Rome when they sing the anthems at the Stadio Olimpico on 11th March and our friends at Monmouth Rugby Club every success in the future.

Breaking News: Choir sing for US Ambassador (see the Special Edition No. 32 of *Monobites*).

Choir to hold charity concert at Bridges Community Centre

The choir have organised a charity concert on 24th March in support of **Bridges Centre** and **Velindre Cancer Care**. The fabulous **Isca Singers** from Cardiff will also feature on the evening. A sellout (200) audience is expected and all profits will be split equally between the two chosen charities. Tickets at £10 are available from Bridges Centre and online via www.monmvc.org.uk

Also coming up: 21st April, fund raising concert for Llanishen Village Hall.