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Excitement builds as the Choir prepare for their Annual Concert

Monmouth Male Voice Choir's Annual Concert will take place at St Mary's Priory Church on 7th October. Tickets are selling fast but can still be obtained online www.monmvc.org.uk or from Stephen's Bookshop in Church Street (Wednesday - Saturday).

Preparations have been going well and another capacity audience is expected. This year the choir will be joined by **Allegra Choir** from Newport. Allegra, like **MMVC**, are a relatively new choir and were formed in 2011. The all ladies choir are directed by Robert T. Elliott and were awarded the Gold Cup for 'Most outstanding performance' at the recent Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts.



Allegra Choir, Newport

MMVC will be performing a number of new pieces under the direction of MD Lewis Hutton and, once again, he has a few surprises in store. Allegra will provide a fantastic contrast in musical style and are certain to make the evening another that choir supporters will remember with great pleasure.

Choir honoured to sing at the funeral of Huw Crawshay

The choir were honoured to receive an invitation to sing at the recent funeral of Howard Huw Robin Crawshay. Mr Crawshay was a highly respected member of the local Monmouthshire community and was a benefactor and patron of the celebrated invitational rugby union side **Crawshays RFC**. The service was held at St Mary the Virgin, Llanfair Kilgeddin and the choir sang *Calon Lân* as the coffin left the beautiful rural church deep in the heart of the Usk Valley.



St Mary the Virgin, Llanfair Kilgeddin



Crawshay Rugby cap and jersey

Musical Director undertakes charity walk

During the summer break, choir MD Lewis Hutton and his dog Merlin tackled the 177 mile Offa's Dyke trail to raise funds for the charity **CALM** (Campaign Against Living Miserably) a leading movement against suicide. Already Lewis has raised over £2,000. If you would like to support the charity please donate to his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/one-man-and-his-dog>



What's still to come in 2023?

Supporters will have two further opportunities this year to listen to the choir in concert:

4th November 7.00pm Cross Ash Village Hall

25th November 7.30pm Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir

Also watch out for details of the launch of the choir Scholarship Award scheme.

Members diary reminder: 14th December 7.00pm onwards, **Christmas Social** at Caer Llan near Trellech.