



AWMC NEWS

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Newsletter of the Australian Welsh Male Choir



St. Paul's Mount Gambier



St. John's Port Fairy

*** A Wonderful Country Tour ***

Over the weekend of June 11th and 12th we had a highly successful tour to Mount Gambier for a Saturday evening concert and then on to Port Fairy the following morning for a concert that afternoon.

Both concerts were a sell-out. That made us feel good for starters! The newspapers were generous in their advertising of the choir. Headlines like the following were so good to see.

On song for event

Renowned choir to deliver modern and traditional mix

The Border Gazette had quite a write-up about the choir commencing with "The internationally renowned Australian Welsh Male Choir is in Mount Gambier to perform this weekend".

The Moyne Gazette which is circulated in Port Fairy had two articles about us. One said "A big coup for the June weekend is the signing of the Australian Welsh Male Choir which will play at St. John's Church on Sunday Afternoon". Another article in the same newspaper proclaimed "The feature event for June is undoubtedly the visit by the Australian Welsh Male Choir which will perform a concert in St. John's Anglican Church at 2pm on Sunday June 12th."

Our Performances Were Up To Expectations!



The enthusiastic applause received at both concerts was a sure measure of the appreciation of those lucky enough to get tickets. We were sorry for those who were turned away, having hoped to get a ticket at the door!

A highlight of the program at both

venues was a duet by our MD Anne Credlin and much-loved First Tenor, Kristian Kupsch. They sang "The Prayer". Kristian also sang the solo part as the choir sang "The Holy City" which received a standing ovation.



Some of our group were able to take a few days of holiday and thus enjoy the local scenery and some got to sing with the locals. This photo shows some our group singing at Port Fairy after the concert. Lots of fun!



Anne Credlin had a wonderful experience - she caught up with a relative she had not seen since they were children. She wrote "Some guys will know that in Port Fairy I met up with a first cousin - the daughter of my mother's brother - whom I have not seen since we were both kids! It was quite emotional! We have made a pact to keep in touch from now on! She

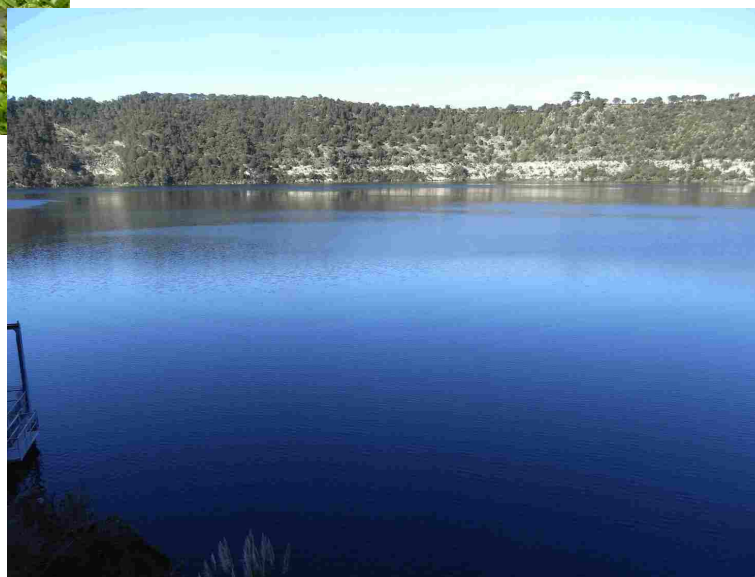
invited Neil (Toyne), Jennie and I to their home for drinks after the dinner on Sunday, and we had a very pleasant evening with Pam, her husband, son and daughter-in-law - and gorgeous little grandson! She belongs to a local singing group called the "Port Singers," who were going to sing English songs for the Queen's Birthday in the main street on Monday, and asked Neil, Jennie and myself to join them - which we did! We also roped in many of the choristers who had stayed over as they walked past."

We enjoyed the Local Scenery Too!



Despite the short time spent at Mount Gambier the choir managed to find time to venture down into the beautiful Umpherson sink-hole shown at left here.

And of course a drive around the lakes was compulsory at Mount Gambier. They told us that



the Blue Lake is only truly blue from November each year until the following March - but it still looked great to us!

Port Fairy had some beautiful scenery too. A quick walk down the river to the beach provided a great reward. We'll be back!

* * * Another Country Trip Soon! * * *

In August we will be headed off on another country trip. This time we will have a concert in Nhill on the Saturday and then in Stawell on the Sunday. This will no doubt prove to be another weekend of fellowship and music. The country trips are very popular with the choir as well as those who come to listen.

* * * Progress Report re Our UK 2012 Tour * * *

New songs have been added to our repertoire as we have been busy learning the songs to be sung during the massed concert in Manchester next March. It is quite a task for us but we are enjoying learning them. Some all day Saturday rehearsals have been added to our schedule to assist. The Welsh language is a real challenge for some but we are getting good help from our genuine Welsh members.

It is anticipated that we will have a new CD to release before long with these new number on it. We will let you know when it is available.

* * * Honouring Members * * *

While we are always thrilled to receive new members into our ranks it is with sadness that we farewell others. We have recently sung at the funeral of two much loved members. John Cook was one of our early members who we sadly farewelled last week in a moving ceremony at the Victoria Police Academy. A few weeks earlier we sang to farewell Phil Hunt who was also much loved.



Sometimes age and personal issues make it necessary for a member to leave the choir. We are very sorry to lose Jim Brunton who has been a stalwart of the choir for over ten years. He and his wife Joan and their friends Elsie and Dot (at left) have been regular supporters. They were honoured during our visit to Port Fairy.

* * * Activities Coming Up * * *

Our web-site at www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au will keep you up to date on our forth-coming concerts if you have access to it. The next few are:

June 26th at Village Glen, Rosebud

July 10th at a Mornington Retirement Village

July 23rd Trivia Night at Village Baxter

August 27th at Nhill

August 28th at Stawell

September 4th St. Peter's Anglican Church at Mornington

For more information regarding any of these events or for tickets or CDs contact our Secretary or visit our web-site. Details are listed below.

Thanks Again for Your Support

We do thank you for your continuing support and will hope to see you at some of our activities soon.

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