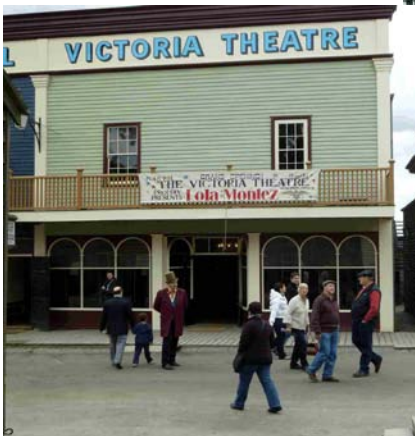


AWMC NEWS

Newsletter of the Australian Welsh Male Choir



At Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, recently.

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*** Another Honour For our Choir ***



On Sunday September 19th we had the honour of singing at Cruden Farm, the home of one of our patrons, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch A.C.D.B.E.

The occasion was a fund-raising event for the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation. Sir Edward, commonly referred to as "Weary Dunlop" was a World War II hero. The foundation which carries his name is engaged in research "likely to promote, the maintenance and improvement of the

medical and health care and general welfare of veterans and their dependants, whether in sickness or in health; to promote, encourage, commission, finance, assist, co-ordinate and generally to facilitate and encompass medical research and research in related scientific disciplines”.



One of the objectives of the choir is to assist charities so the day fitted in well with that objective too. At left is the choir conducted by Tom Buchanan, our Assistant Musical Director and Principal Accompanist. At the present time our

regular Musical Director, Miss Anne Credlin is visiting China as the director of the Cranbourne Chorale. Our Assistant Accompanist, Lester Cheung played the keyboard. At right is Kristian Kupsch singing solo, with Neil Kinsey holding the ‘mike’.



Another recent performance was at the Mornington Retirement Village.

* * * Developing a Youth Choir * * *



One of our plans is to develop a Youth Choir as part of the Australian Welsh Male Choir. Tom Buchanan is directing a small group of young people in fostering the development of the choir. They rehearse in the Welsh Church in Latrobe Street in the city. If you are aware of young people who could be interested please pass on the information to our Secretary, Tim Andrew on 0425 525 725.

* * * Honouring Special People * * *



We have recently had the opportunity to honour some special people.

The first was Jeannette Duffield, daughter of one our first tenors Ron George who passed away as a result of cancer. Jeannette planned to walk the Kokoda “track” to honour her father and to raise money for the “Peter Mac” Cancer Hospital. We promised to make a donation of \$500 to the hospital if she completed the arduous walk successfully, which she duly did, for which we sincerely congratulate her. This photo shows the presentations being made.

Another person honoured recently was John Wolstenholme, a much-loved baritone in our choir for many years who resigned recently for health reasons. He was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the choir. We were delighted that he was well enough to come along to Cruden Farm last Sunday and hear us sing. John's wife Enid is also well-known to the choir and the community with her significant work to raise money for a hospice. The support group Enid is involved with were busy providing visitors with excellent cakes to raise money for the hospice.



* * * A New Web-Site for the Choir * * *

We are delighted that the choir has a wonderful new web-site. The web-site development work has been donated to the choir by Colin Adland. It replaces the old web-site and may be located by accessing the same address as the old web-site, www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au. If you have internet access we urge you to have a look at it. It is up to date with forth-coming concerts (automatically up-dating after each concert - so already you will see last Sunday's concert listed under past concerts). There is also a photo gallery which includes photos from recent events.

A huge "Thank You" is expressed to Colin for his work. David Madill, one of our choristers is taking over the role of updating the site as appropriate. We feel that this is a big step forward for us. We hope you will check out our new web-site regularly and let us know what you think of it, or give us suggestions.

* * * New Sound Equipment * * *

Keeping up with the times is important! When a venue does not have good equipment it is essential that we have our own to use because the equipment makes a huge difference. It is part of the cost of keeping the choir "on the road". We thank Greg Pennicuik, one of our first tenors for his assistance in helping the choir to choose new equipment. We are also very grateful to Greg's church which has donated fold-back speakers.

* * * Back on the Road Again Soon * * *

BEECHWORTH
CELTIC FESTIVAL

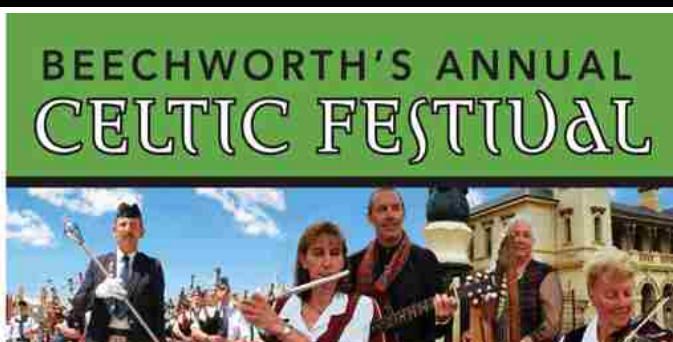
5th - 7th November 2010

This three day event, is on the second weekend in November in historic Beechworth, North East Victoria.

We will celebrate our Celtic past, present and future.

Beechworth Information Centre
1300 366 321

www.beechworthfestival.com.au



Not long ago we had a fantastic weekend away in Boort and Horsham. Soon we will be off to Beechworth to share in their Celtic Music Festival on

Saturday November the 6th. We will then stay overnight at Benalla and then travel to Euroa for a concert on the Sunday afternoon before heading for home. For an interesting weekend away why not plan to come to Beechworth while we are there. Note the details above. Phone Beechworth on 1300 366 321 for more details.

* * * Fund-Raising for our UK 2012 Tour * * *

We are busy with activities to raise money to help us get to the UK in 2012. We have a record number of choristers, partners and friends showing interest in the tour in March and April of 2012. We are one of just two overseas choirs invited to share in the 1,000 voice choir. We have a lot of learning to do!

Recent activities have included a sausage sizzle and a trivia night. On October 3 we will have a market day stall at Frankston. Our ladies are working on a recipe book. We have a bush dance on November 20th. Lots happening!

* * * What is the National Flower of Wales? * * *



With daffodils appearing in gardens around Victoria at the moment each bloom says “Wales” to us. The daffodil is the national flower although the vegetable named leek is the semi-official flower with older traditions in Welsh culture. We are happy to stick with the daffodil! Its bright colours remind us that Welsh music is bright and happy and brings joy into our lives. We love to sing!

* * * Concerts Coming Up * * *

Performances coming up in the next few months are listed below. October 2nd & 10th Baxter Village, as a “thank you” to them for allowing us to rehearse there. One concert also raises funds for the “Pink Ladies” who volunteer at the Frankston Hospital.

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| October 24 th | Concert at Christ Church, Dingley |
| November 6 th | We perform at the annual Beechworth Celtic Festival |
| November 7 th | Concert in Euroa - on the way home from Beechworth! |
| December 3 rd | We will perform in a Christmas Concert along with 3 other choirs at the Hawthorn Town Hall |

For more information, tickets or CDs contact Tim Andrew on 042 725 525, write to PO Box 42, Frankston 3199 or visit at www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au.

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