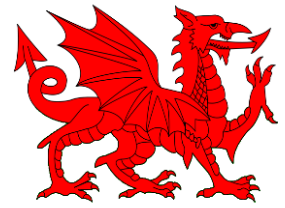


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Taith Gerddorol - A Musical Journey

The May meeting seemed to be well and truly jinxed. Firstly, the date and the time of the meeting had been changed and that caused some confusion. Chris had prepared a programme of Music for our entertainment but then he had a disaster with his laptop and thought that all had been lost. At the last minute Chris rescued the lost material and it was all back on track. Or so we thought! The final jinx involved the sound system at the hall. It was being uncooperative and we feared that the presentation would not be possible. After several attempts our luck finally changed and it was "all systems go".



Chris had prepared a musical journey in two parts. Due to the time lost with technological problems there was only time to enjoy Part One. Chris had based his programme on the A470 road which is the longest road in Wales at 186 miles. It links Cardiff and Llandudno. Some of the places it passes through are Pontypridd; Merthyr Tydfil; Brecon; Builth Wells; Rhayader; Llangurig; Dolgellau; Blaenau Ffestiniog; and Betws-y-Coed.

We set off on our journey with the **A470** song by Lorraine King with an accompanying video showing the journey (rather faster than 20mph).



The first stop was Cardiff where we listened to **Cardiff Castle** being played by The Band of The Prince of Wales under the direction of Captain Tim Cooper. There was a video showing scenes of the interior and exterior of the castle.

Next stop was Pontypridd and we listened to **Pontypridd** being sung by 9Bach who are a folk group formed by Welsh singer-songwriter and pianist Lisa Jên and guitarist Martin Hoyland.



We will never forget the tragedy that occurred on 21st October 1966 at Pantglas School in Aberfan. With scenes of the memorial to the 116 children and 28 adults who lost their lives on that dreadful day we listened to ***Cantata Memoria - For the Children : Lament for the Valley*** composed and conducted by Karl Jenkins. Bryn Terfel, Elin Manahan Thomas and the voices of Côt Heol y March chorus led by Eleri Roberts also took part in the recording.

Our next stop was Merthyr Tydfil and we listened to Max Boyce singing ***When we walked to Merthyr Tydfil***. This was originally a poem written by Idris Davies and adapted by Max Boyce. Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) was the next location and we were entertained by Bob Evans playing the guitar and singing ***Brecon Beacons Mountain Rescue***. A song he composed as a fund raiser for the Rescue Team. In the Wye Valley we were entertained by Mick Lewis who played the guitar and sang his own composition ***Afon Gwy***.

Our final stop was Builth Wells and we enjoyed listening to ***Builth - Rhagluniaeth Fawr y Nef*** (Great Providence of Heaven) by David Charles. It was sung by Cor y 'Steddfod, Maldwyn 2015. Conducted and arranged by Jeffrey Howard with the Chamber Orchestra of Wales.

A big thank you to Chris for preparing such a delightful musical journey. We will all be looking forward to continuing our journey on the A470 in Part 2. Places we will be visiting on route will be Rhayader , Llanidloes, Dinas Mawddwy, Dolgellau, Trawsfynydd, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Llanrwst and finally Llandudno.

TV News

An S4C programme aired on 2nd June and available on BBC iPlayer for 4 months:

Ken Owens: Y Sheriff

It's mostly in Welsh with English subtitles.

Diary Date

BBQ

Saturday 13th July at
12.30pm

A tongue twister.

Ydy dy dei du di yn dy dŷ di neu yn dŷ dy dad di?

(Is your black tie in your house or in your father's house?)