



Voice • Male



The news from **Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir**

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Long awaited Ireland Tour

Back in November 2022, Paul Robathan had the wonderful and innovative idea of participating in the prestigious *Cork Choral Festival*.

The online application form was somewhat of a challenge requiring photos and recordings of the choir.

However, it was very worth the effort when the choir received the precious invitation.

Paull also researched and planned the trip with the invaluable help of Richard Venn, Stuart Gifford, Phil Knowles, Jeff Garland, Martin Langford and, of course, Nick Thomas.



Initial rehearsal before the trip begins

We are grateful to Martin Langford for stepping in as coach captain at short notice.

The coach journey was long including a tour of southern Wales with informative commentary provided by the Welsh contingent (who mainly sat at the back of the coach).

This was followed by a glorious sunny mill-pond crossing and the first tastes of Guinness as the ferry approached the shores of Rosslare.

Fortunately, there was a whole day of relaxation and discovering the sights of ancient Waterford before the work of singing began.

The venues were many including a dark nightclub, a massive atrium with a 1400-strong audience, a library and a windswept bandstand.



*Visit to Christchurch Cathedral
Waterford*



Arrival



*Waterford
Crystal*



*Viking
Centre*



*A visit to copper mine display at
Copper Coast UNESCO Geopark*



*New Choir
Uniform Trial*



*City Hall
Cork*



Kinsale visit



Dining at Dooley's Hotel

Cork International Choral Festival

Cork Choral 2023



Afterwards outside City Hall Cork



Waiting to sing City Hall Cork



Glanmire Library

After the obvious quips about being quiet in the library etc the team settled into Glanmire library for a few songs before they moved on.

However, the choir was simply not expecting such a rapturous welcome, applause and requests for encores.

There was not a lot of space but the boys made full use of the setting to present themselves to a very high standard. A jolly good section of the trip. - Ed





Hillbillys in Cork



City of Cork



Trinity
Presbyterian
Church
Cork



The English
Market



Oliver Plunkett Street



IRELAND



On the quayside of the River Lee

City of Cork



River Lee



*The Giffords at the
English Market*





Midleton Park Hotel



Ladies group



Lining up for rehearsal



Cobh

Heritage Centre



Converted Railway Station



Cobh Promenade Bandstand



Meet and Greet Clayton Hotel Cork

Choir from York



Choir from Taunton



Performance at Clayton Hotel Cork

Singing for international audience



*Great applause for Taunton and encore (rarely allowed)
got the audience clapping along*



Our tour organisers



Our Driver Ron



The full company



Cork Choral 2023

Choir Journey

Wednesday April 26th

- **Fishguard ferry**
- **Rosslare Harbour.**
- **Arrive at Dooleys Waterford**

Thursday. April 27th

- **Midleton Park Hotel near Cork**

Friday April 28th

- **Glanmire Library**
- **Central Cork**

Saturday April 29th

- **Christchurch Cobh**
- **Cobh Heritage Centre**
- **Cobh Bandstand**
- **Commodore Hotel**
- **Clayton Hotel**

Sunday April 30th

- **Jameson whiskey distillery**
- **New Ross Famine Ship**

Scan here for Paull Robathan's full
itinerary of Cork Trip



Scan here for all the collated
photographs Cork Trip

