

Port Isaac Singers - Janet's ladies choir

VILLAGE CHOIR TAKES TROPHY

THIRTY women from the tiny fishing village of Port Isaac took on the might of women's choirs from all over the country.

And they sang their way to first place of the advanced ladies choir class at the Cheltenham Music Festival at the week-end.

They were closely followed by women's choirs from Camborne Methodist Circuit and ECC — a trio of success for Cornwall.

It is the second time Port Isaac Singers have won the cup.

Plymouth Clarion Choir swept the board and gained a first in the male voice choir section in Cheltenham.

Fighting off competition from London, the Midlands and

Northern Ireland, they won the Orchestral and Choral Society Challenge Cup. The 32-man choir is conducted by Mr. Edgar Littlejohns.

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The Singers won the Advanced Class for Ladies Choirs at the Camborne Music Festival on Wed. 17th. November, competing against four other choirs. In the Adjudicator's summing up he said the Singers had 'beautiful blend and tone, excellent diction, great



GOLDEN VOICES

AN all-woman choir from Port Isaac carried off a brand-new gold cup from Cornwall's music festival.

Port Isaac Singers — with just 29 members, the smallest choir in last week's festival — became the first contestants to win the Edgar Kessell Memorial Trophy, given in memory of one of Cornwall's best-known music men who died last year.

The choir won the trophy for their rendering of a madrigal which was judged to be the outstanding individual choral performance.

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PORT ISAAC SINGERS RAISE MONEY FOR HOSPICE



Port Isaac Singers on Padstow quay during the filming of Songs of Praise last year.

If you happen to see a group of lovely ladies, immaculately uniformed, singing like angels on one of North Cornwall's many quaysides the chances are they're the Port Isaac Singers. Because of an initial lack

of interest from the males of the District the Choir was totally female — they got used to it that way and now prefer it. From an original 12 the choir has grown to thirty over 18 years — and they still have their original conductor

Janet Townsend. They have starred on TV including Opportunity Knocks in 1972, and lead a full and interesting life, appearing in many varied and illustrious settings. However they could not pick

a better location than their own beautiful harbourside of Port Isaac where they rehearse every Thursday night.

Over the past year the choir has collected money for the Mount Edgcumbe Hos-

pice, raising £400. This year they are sponsoring the Cornwall Air Ambulance. PS: If you are female, keen on singing and a top soprano then get in touch with any member of the Choir — they have two vacancies.

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There will be a half hour programme about the Singers on Radio Cornwall at 11am. on Sunday 13th. November.

The Recording Fund now stands at £799.

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Formed in 1970 with just twelve singers, the choir, under its founder conductor Janet Townsend, has grown steadily in size and reputation. They have achieved outstanding competition successes both in Cornwall and further afield: Bath, Cardiff, Blackpool, and Cheltenham, where they twice won the Champion Trophy for Ladies' Choirs at the Music Festival.

The Singers were chosen to represent Cornwall in the Interceltic Festival in Brittany in 1985 and have made several appearances on national television from 'Opportunity Knocks' to 'Songs of Praise'. They are also regularly heard on local radio having made their own tape, and last Christmas contributed to a tape of West Country Carols.

If any potential young singer (particularly soprano) is interested in joining, please contact Janet Townsend or any other choir member.

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Let loose in Brittany! The ladies sing at the Brittany Festival in 1985



The Port Isaac Singers competing in the Choir of the Year Competition

"We appeared on the 1970s TV talent show, Opportunity Knocks"

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