

## Welsh Male Voice Choir raises funds for CRU

Over 400 people filled the Main Hall of St. Columba's College, St. Alban's on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 for a concert given by the Cowbridge Welsh Male Voice Choir. This well supported, successful event raised funds for Christian Relief Uganda's work for the destitute children supported through Maria's Care, Kamuli

This was the fourth visit of the choir to St. Albans since 2005, especially to give aid and support to CRU and they volunteer to give the concert, paying almost all of their own expenses. It all started by a chance meeting with two members of the choir meeting a CRU volunteer, Jim Tryon, when he was in S. Wales in 2004, just after his first visit to Uganda.

The Choir was supported by internationally renowned soprano, Lina Saavedra, who lives locally in St Albans, who also gave her services free!  
CRU is very grateful to the Head Master of St. Columba's College for allowing us to use the School free of charge.

We were pleased to have the support of the The Mayor of the City & District of St. Albans, Cllr Aislinn Lee at the concert, even joining us in the "Afterglow" afterwards. Her comments after were:- *"It was a wonderful and inspirational evening, filled with superb singing from the Cowbridge Welsh Male Voice Choir and the additional treat of hearing the amazing voice of Lina Saavedra. It is a true measure of the character of the members of the choir that they take time out every two years to perform for this wonderful charity, to benefit children they'll never meet, in a country so far away that most, if not all of them, will never have visited. Meeting Rhona Marshall, CRU founder and co-coordinator, was a total inspiration - a really remarkable and dedicated lady, I truly felt humble in her presence."*



**The Mayor with Jim Tryon (Local volunteer and concert organizer) and Rhona Marshall MBE, CRU founder and co-ordinator.**



**The concert in "full song"!**