

## **Truro Choristers bring back football cup**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Truro Cathedral's boy Choristers travelled to Exeter to play five short football matches against other choristers from members of the Choir Schools' Association Western Division - defeating rival teams from Bristol, Wells, Llandaff, Exeter and Gloucester Cathedrals to take the cup without conceding a single goal.

Swapping their cassocks for football boots, the Truro Choristers, all aged 10 to 13, set off first thing in the morning to arrive at Exeter Cathedral for a combined rehearsal of music for Evensong later in the day.

After lunch, they travelled a little way out of town to Exeter Cathedral School's sports grounds where the tournament took place.

All of the Choristers attend Polwhele House School where the Deputy Head, Nick Hawker, trained the team in the weeks running up to the big day.

The side was captained by a Year 8 Head Chorister, Elliot Edmondson, who has recently been selected by Torquay United to join their Elite Advanced Development Centre which is the feeder to their Centre of Excellence at 16.

Elliot also takes part in Plymouth Argyle's Youth Academy and manages to juggle these with his considerable choir duties.

Elliot said: "We all played well as a team and it was a very friendly environment. We managed to keep good possession of the ball through all our matches and created the right opportunities to score".

Archie Hooper, another Year 8 Head Chorister, was named "Player of the Tournament" by the referees.

Truro Cathedral's Director of Music, Christopher Gray, said: "This is a great achievement as Truro has only won the CSA cup one other time in its 22 year history, back in 2002. I am proud that our Choristers can achieve this kind of sporting success as well as the musical excellence they maintain day after day – proof that sport and music are not mutually exclusive!".

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