

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL OLD CHORISTERS' ANNUAL CHALLENGE CUP.



The Choristers' Cup was first presented by the Cathedral Old Choristers' Association to the Master of the Cathedral Choir School in 1933. It was given as a prize for Choristers sports.

Minutes of the Old Choristers' Association Annual General Meeting, January 1933.

Prize to the Choir School. Mr. G. Bell mentioned that he thought the Association might give something in the way of a prize or a cup to the Choir School for competition in sports or otherwise at the discretion of the Master of the School. After discussion it was resolved to present a silver cup suitably inscribed at the cost of £3.3.- to be defrayed from the funds of the Association, if possible, or by subscription from the members of the Assn. and that further enquiries be made of the Master and referred to the Committee. The Cup to be competed for annually and to be called the Old Chorists' Association Cup.

These record that the cup was to be given for competition in sport or 'otherwise, at the discretion of the Master of the School'

Subsequent Minutes record that the Cup was awarded to the winner of the Choir School Cross Country. The Choir School 'colours' were red and black. And that in the early days; the Chairman would give a small replica cup to be kept by the winner.

The Choir School closed in 1937 with the Choristers transferring to The King's School. The Choristers' Cup transferred to the Head of the Preparatory School.

Records and anecdotes tell us that the sports race for the cup has changed from time to time.

In the mid 1940's it was 200 yards with a handicap starting line according to age.
Since the 1980's it has been run as a straight 100meter 'Dash'.
Long may it continue.
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