

# 10/03/2008 ABC Notices

## Class of 2008

Week 9 of the course.

You may be relieved to hear that the Gazette reporter can't make it this week – she has to go to a County Council meeting.

### Newsletters

If you didn't pick up a newsletter last week, please do so this week. They are for members / friends only – but you are a special case!

### Decision time

Looking forward to our last lesson of the course, I will be asking you next week to confirm whether you wish to come to TCS rehearsals starting 31 March. This is important, as we need to consider how many 'buddies' we need, and seating arrangements. (We have ordered plenty of scores.)

One or two have asked if it is OK to come along to a few rehearsals to see what it's like; yes, it is. Mind you, I don't think that you will get a fair idea in just 3 weeks... it gets easier and more fun as you go along.

Dipping in and out is not an option; that would be far too disruptive to the rest of the choir.

If you remember from the course promotional leaflet, ABC graduates are invited to join us for rehearsals for the July concert, and your participation in the concert is at the discretion of Ian, our conductor.

Your status will be as 'guest' - you will not be full members, ie you will not be able to attend/vote at any general meetings, etc.

After the concert, if you wish to continue singing with us, we will ask you to become a full member of the choir and pay the reduced subscription for the second half of the year.

### Attendance

The attendance record for the ABC has been, frankly, fabulous; many of you have a perfect row of ticks. Consider yourselves warmly congratulated. This augurs very well indeed!

We can all suffer ill health from time to time, and we all go on holiday. However, regular attendance at rehearsals is an absolute MUST. Please ring-fence your Monday nights, ink them into your diaries, and treat them as non-negotiable 'Me Time'. There is a lot to learn, and we don't have many weeks to do it. Also, Ian will give us notes as we go through the pieces, and if you aren't there, you will miss these nuggets of wisdom.

### The bad news

The days of free coffee and biscuits are nearly over! When you come back on 31 March, you will be asked to pay 50p for your refreshments; this is one of our fund raising wheezes. By November, we may make enough to pay for two of the violinists at the concert...

### Our last class

Can you believe it? The Vatican has moved St Patrick's Day... I thought we would finish on the 17<sup>th</sup> on a Celtic holiday, with green biscuits at the coffee break, and it's been MOVED. (To Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>, if you're interested.)

### And finally...

At its concert at St George's last night, the Bristol Cathedral School and the Cathedral Chamber Choir's rendition of Vivaldi's Gloria was augmented by one very happy alto steward, seated stage left... do you think they noticed?

Julia, Secretary