

31/03/2008 Choir Notices

The New Season

Dear Tyndalers and ABC Graduates;

Welcome back to our 2008 Summer Concert season!

I wish us all huge enjoyment over the coming rehearsals, and a cracking concert to a packed St Mary's Church in July.

This first week we are missing the Tyndalers who are singing with Oriana (concert next Saturday), but we'll be back to full strength from Monday 7 April.

Because Doreen has to dole out our music, and we have to pair up ABC Graduates with experienced Tyndale Buddies and get everyone seated sensibly, can I ask you all to (a) arrive early and (b) be patient and (c) be flexible.

Getting to know you

We had name badges for the ABC classes, to help things along. A Tyndaler, who will remain nameless but is in the soprano section, said it would help if we all wore badges when we come back to rehearsal, not only for the benefit of the ABC singers, but also for the benefit of Tyndalers, many of whom don't know names after DECADES of membership. So, please play nicely, and pick up your name badge on the way in, and leave it in the coffee room at the end of the evening.

Helpful information

You should all have received your copy of the newsletter (thanks to Dick Skinner), which has most of the info you will need regarding rehearsal and concert dates, committee contacts, subscriptions, etc. You also have the noticeboard to read, and the website. Please look at these resources to answer your queries in the first instance. (It'll be a brave person who asks me for the concert date...better be wearing protective clothing.)

Registers and attendance

Again, with increased numbers, it is even more important that everyone marks the attendance registers – please get into the habit of going through the coffee room to go into the Church, and tick the register on the way. You are welcome to ring/email

me if you wish to offer apologies for absence. Remember: regular attendance is required by our Society Rules, and the register is the only way to log your presence.

Subscriptions (Tyndalers only – for now!)

Treasurer Lorna will be with us from next week – you can start showering her with your subs cheques and make her an extremely happy bunny.

Committee meeting

We are meeting on Wednesday this week; if there is anything you wish the cttee to consider, see a member.

Rehearsal aids

Ian has done some MP3 files for the Psalmus Hungaricus, the Ode, and Linda di Chamounix. These are on the website (follow the link from the News Page).

IMPORTANT: You are asked to download and save the files you need to your own computer, and play them from your own computer (or of course burn a CD).

DO NOT play them live from the website; we have to pay for this traffic, so only wish to pay for it once per person, not every time you wish to practise. Ta everso.

If you do not have website access, or are frit of trying to do this downloading yourself (although if I can do it, anyone can), then see me and I'll cut a CD for you – the cost per CD will be £1, profits to funds. (This is to encourage you to do the work yourselves, rather than make me sit for hours burning copies.)

...and finally

We have some very enthusiastic ABC graduates with us – with WONDERFUL attendance records! It is now up to all of the experienced strong singers in the TCS to make them feel very welcome, give them every encouragement, and help them on their continuing learning curve. We hope that after the July concert, they will wish to become full members – that was the whole point of the exercise!

