

28/04/2008 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 5 of 13

Subscriptions (not ABC – yet!)

If you haven't already paid, please remember that annual subs are £49 until 5 May, when they transmogrify as if by magic into £50.

Keep your chin up

And your scores, come to that. We must confess that the Kodaly was chosen for this year's summer concert before the ABC was organised. It would be fair to say that Kodaly is a bit of a trial by fire for beginners... and for those with more experience, to be truthful. Still, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger (according to Nietzsche), and the Mendelssohn will be a walk in the park by comparison!

*"Screw your courage to the sticking place,
and we'll not fail."*

That's Shakespeare (Lady M) for 'do more practice between rehearsals'.

No bunkers, waggers, or skivers...

Bank holiday? What bank holiday? No rest for the wicked – we can't afford to lose rehearsal time on *both* bank holidays in this concert season.

TOWN HALL TEAS – WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE

We have been allocated Sunday 18 May for this year's THT. For those of you who are new, Wotton allows local organisations to serve the refreshments (tea and cake) at the Town Hall on Sundays from 2.30 to 4.30-ish. No charge is made for the use of the hall's facilities, and we keep any profits. It is good fun, a good fund raiser, and a great opportunity to publicise our society. We need:

A Manager: Elizabeth Young is not able to take charge this year. We therefore need someone (ABCs most welcome), probably best someone from Wotton, to take this on. (It could be a 'job-share', splitting the day into two shifts.) There is an information sheet telling you what has to be done, so you wouldn't be going in blind. It's a doddle.

Bakers: We will need a deal of cakes – preferably home-made – to sell. It would be terrible to run out, so we always like to have too many. Any remaining at the end of the day can be returned to the baker if you so wish; just attach a note to the tin.

Staff: Come along for an hour – we need two servers, a washer-upper, a tea/coffee maker, and some charming front-of-house maitre d's.

You could also have a stroll around Wotton and come for a cuppa and a wedge of cake during the afternoon.

See me at coffee time if you are able to help out. Don't be shy.

Counting the pennies

Word has reached me that some of you think with an extra couple of quid on subscriptions that there's no need to fund raise. Dream on.

News of another gig

The Marsh Ladies choir secretary, Jenny Cobb, erstwhile secretary of TCS and current Friend of our society, has asked me to tell you about a concert on 10 May at 7 pm in the United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road, Bristol. The Marsh Ladies, on tour from oop North (Yorkshire) will be singing with the Bristol Male Voice Choir. (Jenny will be attending our July concert, so you can catch up with her then.)

Now for the bad news...

Our lovely Rev. Phil Butcher, tenor and quiz setter *sans pareil* and all-round good egg, will be leaving us after the Summer Concert when he will be moving with his family to Derby. We could try a mass demonstration and lie in front of the wheels of the removal van, but something tells me it wouldn't work. Just when we were feeling SO SMUG about our burgeon-ing tenor section... c'est la vie. The Lord giveth, ...

Ripples in a pond

It is amazing what varied enquiries have been generated by the ABC project. Having found our website, a gentleman telephoned to ask about our ABC tutor, Bethan. His wife suffered a series of strokes some years ago, leaving her with aphasia (impairment to her use of speech), but over the years they have found that singing has helped her more than speech therapy. That's the power of singing for you. Having moved to Stroud from Yorkshire recently, they were now looking for someone to continue working with the lady – playing piano and encouraging her to sing. I do wish them well, and if Bethan can't help, I do hope they find someone who suits. If you know anyone, do tell me and I'll pass it on.

And finally...

From a church bulletin:

"Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get."