

# 23/06/2008 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 12 of 13

## Please Nota very Bene!

This is the LAST rehearsal in the Methodist Church before the concert. Next week (30<sup>th</sup>) we will be in

**ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.** Don't forget!

Please arrive early to help with the setting up and pew-lugging and so that Anne has time to get us seated (always a nightmare job) without eating into precious rehearsal time.

### If you are not singing in the concert...

...much as we love you, it is not really very helpful if you come to the St Mary's rehearsal; you will throw a spanner into the works for Anne (the seating problem) and Ian won't hear his concert line-up. Please make this week your last rehearsal, and please remember to **return your music to Doreen** before disappearing. Your next rehearsal will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July back at the Dursley Methodist Church, when we will immediately start on the St Paul. No rest for the wicked!

### Concert Tickets

If you have already sold your quota, please feel free to bring along your envelopes. Otherwise, next Monday in Wotton is the deadline. Full marks to those who have already done so.

### AGM Notice for 14<sup>th</sup> July

Can all members please ensure that they pick up their copy of the AGM Notice and the paper on the Governing Document and management of meetings. Ignore it at your peril.

### Riser Blocks

If you are storing riser blocks in your loft, please remember to bring them to St Mary's next week.

### Front of House Concert volunteers...

Lisa Randell isn't with us this Monday, but if you have any names of volunteers willing to help with stewarding or serving interval drinks, please tell me and I'll pass them to Lisa.

### ABC Appreciation

Can I just say how thrilled I am that so many ABCs have literally stayed the course; I am full of admiration as some of the music has been particularly challenging. May I also offer my thanks for the many ways in which ABCs have contributed to the TCS – baking cakes, working at the Town Hall Teas, finding advertisers. They have really enriched the society. It is my dearest wish that all ABCs continue with us as full members, so that they can experience a full-blown all-bells-and-whistles pull-out-all-the-stops Winter concert. That will be their reward for this hard apprenticeship period!

**Don't forget: NEXT WEEK WOTTON!**

### Cinema picnic

Well, it didn't rain! We scoffed our picnic al fresco, and enjoyed Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell at their finest. If you want to know who was gently snoring about 30 seconds after the Tom and Jerry cartoon had finished, it'll cost you a pint of cider.

### BBC – Last Choir Standing

On Saturday nights from early July, this programme will have choirs of all types competing for the public vote to see who will be named the country's favourite. It may be worth a look. The following quotes are from the ST Culture magazine article:

Suzi Digby: "Choirs are the only place where people come together and express a common emotion. That's why football crowds sing and why choirs are incredibly valuable to society in general."

Sally Kinnes: "The lung-filling, oxygen-pumping experience is so good at producing a serotonin-fuelled buzz that the the Labour peer Richard Layard recommends joining [a choir] for the feelgood factor alone."

Suzi Digby: "The technical things have to be in place: blend, balance, diction, interpretation, tuning... But it's got to communicate, [the audience has] got to be moved or inspired."

### Signing off...

Anne and Lisa are now your first ports of call for any questions relating to the Wotton rehearsal and concert. Do please give them every assistance; they have a tough job to do, and we should make it as easy as possible for them.

### And finally...

From a church bulletin: "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."

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