

21/07/2008 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 3 of 13

School's Out for Summer

Our last rehearsal until 1 September. DO look at the score over the break so that our remaining 10 rehearsals are more about honing and polishing than note-bashing. Don't let the side down! As we are going to be recorded (if all goes to plan), we want to be at our Very Very Best. Remember the 'For the Fallen' concert in 2006? Aim for that standard.

Summer Sing

If the thought of empty Monday nights until 1 September leaves you panicking, bored and bereft, come to North Nibley for some European Sacred Music. Even if you aren't coming to the Perrin Workshop, you will enjoy the Summer Sing. It is just for fun and cheap as chips (£1 each time you come, including coffee/tea, proceeds to St Martin's Church). We have some score books available for you to borrow. And, as per usual, we particularly need some Ts and Bs. Sign up on the list in the coffee room.

St Paul performance recording

For those who asked for a copy, I have placed the order (the fourth!). The CDs won't get here before our Summer Break, but I can post them on to you if you wish. Let me know.

ABCs – the final article

Reporter Claire Marshall was as good as her word, and the article appeared in last week's Gazette, rounding off the paper's support of the project. John Hicks has put in on the website. The ABCs look positively adorable – even angelic – in their photo; it's a shame that the photo was cropped to fit the print space, thereby missing off at least one member. I will try to get a copy of the original for the noticeboard, so that you are in your full glory. Thanks for turning up early on concert day for the interview – it's greatly appreciated.

For the final few who have not yet become TCS members, tonight is your last opportunity at the special ABC rate...

The charabanc to Highgrove 6 August

For those on the tour, PLEASE read the notes I gave you. There is absolutely no flexibility in the arrangements; we have to be prompt, we have to have our means of identification with us, and we must not have any cameras etc. It would be *such* a shame if anyone were thrown off the bus just because they didn't read the Garden Tours Office rules.

Concert Programme 2009-2011

At its meeting last week, the committee felt it could accept the programme proposed by the Music Focus Group. There were some minor concerns raised, but nothing too worrying. Ian will announce the plans at this week's rehearsal, after which they'll be posted on t'internet and the noticeboard.

Membership

As of today, we have 83 (that's eighty three, four score and three) members. As far as can be gleaned from the records, we haven't been as well supported since 1980. And we still have one or two returners we expect to see. At this strength, we should be able to ride out the usual shortfalls at concerts due to coughs/colds, etc, and make a fabulous sound.

For your diary, 2009

Make a note in indelible ink: Summer concert 4 July, Winter concert 14 November (although St James' booking is to be confirmed – perhaps 2H pencil would be wiser in that case!).

Have a wonderful summer break, and do get out and enjoy the sun and blue skies we have come to expect each year!

And finally...

From an American friend:

A pastor was given a bottle of cherry brandy as a Christmas present. In his next sermon, he expressed his gratitude in the following tactful way:

"I would like to thank Mrs Brumburger for the lovely gift of fruit, and the spirit in which it was given..."