

23/03/2009 Choir Notices

A welcome back...

To those who missed the workshop last week ... Ask your singing neighbours about anchoring, zuzzing, twanging sphincters, reflex breathing, meowing, hip swinging, quacking, witches' cackles. And some altos who paired with basses were enjoying the back-to-back exercises rather too much... and all for three quid!

To the no-shows who failed to offer apologies (and there were more than a dozen) ... Well - just keep out of my line of sight for a week or two.

Questionnaires

Please now hand in your completed questionnaires (distributed with the newsletter) - your committee really does need to know your opinions (Oriana members might like to drop them in to the Methodist Church on their way to their rehearsal). 17 received so far, thank you - and I can already see that the results are going to be extremely helpful to the committee.

Name Badges

If you took your name badge home with you, please do bring it along for the first few weeks, until our memories are jogged sufficiently.

Open Rehearsal

The night of the AGM, 6 April, when we will sing for an hour before the meeting, will be this season's taster session for any interested singers. If you can rustle up some tenors/basses, all the better!

Section Representatives

As mentioned in the newsletter, each section should be thinking about appointing a rep for the coming year - from the AGM onwards. I'm sure you are able to do this without interference from the committee, so crack on with it. Your current rep (Marion Miller / Wendy Richardson/ John Ewer / Derek Manning) could perhaps take this in hand.

Rehearsal Resources

Ian and John Hicks have been very busy, putting MP3 files on to the website (go to the news page for the link) for you to download. Remember, we have to PAY BY THE BYTE for traffic on the website, so please DOWNLOAD THE FILES you need

just once and store them on your own PC, and play them from there. If you are not clear on this, please see John Hicks for advice.

I will offer just once to cut some CDs for those of you who can't use the website files; please give me a note of your name and voice part on a piece of paper, and I'll do the honours. Cost price. Probably £1.

Spare Scores

I have a few Gershwin's surplus to requirements, if anyone wishes to purchase their own copy (£2) so that they can plaster it with highlighter etc, see me.

The first Boodle print run was not up to standard (it got reduced a bit) so we did it again. The first run is however adequate for highlighting etc., so if you want a spare to play with, see me. (just 20p)

It's that time of year again...

Treasurer Lorna (well, for another two weeks anyway) would welcome a shower of subs cheques, if you'd be so kind.

Drinking in the last chance saloon...

Who will be our Treasurer from the 6 April onwards?

Oriana's Concert

Do support Oriana if you can – they are performing in St James' this coming Saturday, with a lovely programme.

Thornbury's ABC

Thornbury CS has taken up the baton and is running its own ABC this year - they are doing very well on recruitment. If you know anyone who would like to have a go, then do tell them to contact Jos Gregson, Thornbury CS secretary.

And finally...

From an American friend of mine last week (a 100% genuine message):

"An FBI agent interviewed me on Friday as part of a background check for Michael's pending top-secret security clearance. He asked if Michael had any foreign acquaintances involved with any terrorist organization. I thought of you and the Tyndale Choral Society, but didn't say anything."