

30/03/2009 Choir Notices

A final welcome back...

...this time to Oriana singers - and we hope the concert went beautifully. Now we should be practically at full strength.

We are already 10 members down on the 95 who paid subscriptions last year; in addition to the ones you already know about, Miriam Yagud, Lesley Townsend and Jan Tucker are all under pressure of work and Jonathan and Melanie Golding are moving house and having a baby. Tscha... any excuse! Apart from missing friends, this has its effect on the choir's sound and, I hate to mention it, on the budget. We cannot rest on any laurels - always have an eye to recruiting to the ranks! Apply half-Nelsons if you have to.

Questionnaires

Last call! 44 received so far - only half. Plenty more to come!

Open Rehearsal - next week. See 'half-Nelsons' above.

Section Representatives

Look at the 'job description' on the noticeboard, then sort out amongst yourselves who will be your section rep from the AGM for a year.

Imperfect Scores

Should you have the odd blank page in your Gershwin score, please accept my apologies (but I lost the will to live at some stage during the collating and comb-punching of over 4000 sheets). Just give the offending copy to Lynette, and it will be sorted easily.

Cheques for £49 payable to Tyndale Choral Society...

Subs are due! Thank you kindly.

In the current difficult economic climate (Crunch? Downturn? Recession? Depression? - take your pick), I am sure that to varying degrees we have all been affected financially. If any member has a particular concern regarding payment of the annual subscription, please do not hesitate to have a quiet word with the Treasurer in absolute confidence.

AGM next week...

You may think AGMs a bore, but all members should make every effort to attend the AGM. It is, after all, just once a year, and the correct forum for members to air their views.

Last year's minutes are on the noticeboard and on the website. You were given the notice and agenda with the newsletter; there have been no further proposals so the agenda stands. There won't be any major speechifying about last year as we've said it all in the newsletter, so the reports should be dealt with pretty quickly.

Treasurer Lorna has provided you with copies of the accounts for 2008 and budget for 2009, and asks you to sort out any queries with her BEFORE the AGM, to save time at the meeting.

If you REALLY CAN'T attend, then please have the courtesy to offer apologies for your absence to the secretary. Our quorum is half of the current membership roll – which is 85 (95-10 resignations) – we therefore require at least 42 members in attendance. And perhaps one small one.

Nard and flivvers

For those who were wondering:

Nard – essential oil distilled from plant, spikenard/ Valerian family; used as perfume or herbal medicine.

Flivver – clapped out old car (or aeroplane).

Bristol Sings – Verdi Requiem

In support of BRACE (research into Alzheimer's) and the JULIAN TRUST (Bristol's homeless) and to celebrate the refurbishment of the Colston Hall, Bristol Choral Society is holding a Come and Sing of Verdi's Requiem on 6 June, with MD Adrian Partington and the Bristol Concert Orchestra. Rehearsal 10-12.30 with piano, 2-4.30 with the BCO, and perform at 7.30 (dress informal). Tickets £15, performers and audience.

Book via the hotline 0117 962 4991 or see James for a booking form.

And finally - from a parish magazine:

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance."