

27/04/2009 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 5 of 13

Cheques for £50 payable to Tyndale Choral Society...

Last call for cheques before we send in the bailiffs.

Archive Recording of St Paul

You will recall that we are restricted in our use of the recording of the St Paul concert made by Bournville College due to contractual arrangements with Emerald Ensemble. We have their permission for an 'archive recording' only, which means not for publication / broadcast / profit.

We did make it clear, however, that we wished a copy to be made available to TCS members, at cost, for their own 'archives'. So, in that spirit, Ian has selected the highlights of the concert, and it fits snugly onto an 80 minute CD. We must ask for £1 to cover our costs (the CD, the jewel case, the printing etc). If you feel that this is too cheap, given the work done by various parties, then by all means make an additional donation to funds!

I'll take orders this week. Please tick the list on the piano.

A diary reminder (or three)

We DO rehearse next Monday (bank holiday). It's the next b.h. on the 25th that we have a day off.

I'd also like to remind you of our fund raising events in June, just so that it doesn't come as a shock when we start asking for help/cakes. Sunday 21 June is Wotton Town Hall Teas afternoon – 2-5pm. Saturday 27 June is Dursley Cake Stall morning – usually over by 11am. If they go well, they'll pay for a bassoonist, a horn player, and perhaps three strings of a violinist.

Committee meeting this week

Your compadres who serve on the committee will be chewing the fat this week on your behalf. The agenda is already a yard long, but if there is anything you wish to bring to the cttee's attention, speak to one of us this Monday.

The Tyndale website shops

Unsurprisingly for the first quarter after Christmas in a recession, the use of the website shop has slumped (in spite of my ordering a DVD player recently). If you do wish to buy something, do remember to check out the prices/options at our retail partners (M&S, John Lewis, Amazon, and so on) before you get in the car and drive to a shopping centre. If you haven't tried buying online before, it is worth having a look; there are often products, offers and deals available online which you won't have a sniff of in the store.

Verdi Requiem – Bristol Sings! 6 June – all day

At least a couple of us are going to the Colston Hall for a good lung-busting day. The forms are in the coffee room for those who are interested.

And finally...

Oh, the giddy life of a choir secretary. I opened the door to a neighbour as I closed a telephone conversation the other day, and heard myself saying, "Sorry - just chatting to a tenor soloist in Paris..." My neighbour was suitably surprised, and I almost impressed myself!

I stewarded at a 'choir convention' yesterday; the choirs were community choirs who seemed to prefer singing very repetitive ditties in Swahili and Portuguese rather than, say, English folk songs. I could comment on their lack of technique, unblended sound, iffy tuning, but that would be unfair. In the end, there were hundreds of people getting joy out of singing, and that can't be bad. I am happy to report that the 'Rural Choral', made up of groups from Wotton, Thornbury, and Chip Sod, were the most disciplined with the most cohesive performance. Well done them.