

13/07/2009 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 2 of 15

Come and Sing Haydn – September *Cancelled*****

As less than a third of the membership (25/82) is able to support our major fundraising event the committee has decided not to proceed.

In past years, the overheads have been almost covered by the participation of Tyndale members, and the profit has come from outsiders. It has therefore been a safe venture hitherto.

This year, with overheads of ca. £550, it doesn't look such a safe proposition to your risk-averse committee. In these cash-strapped times, we cannot assume that past outside attendees will wish to come again in such generous numbers.

Moreover, with so much work being involved for the usual small band of volunteers (from within and without the society), it really isn't worth the effort for a much smaller projected return. Also, if so few of our members are in attendance it makes the day less valid as a fun social event.

As the event, if well supported, can bring in £500-£750 (taking into account possible catering income and audience donations), its cancellation will have a knock-on effect for next year's budget. The membership needs to think about what sort of event it would prefer, if a 'come and sing' generates so little interest.

The committee thanks those who were prepared to participate, and is sorry to have to disappoint.

Marking your scores

Lynette spoke to us last week about the cleaning up of scores before they are returned to the library. I well remember cleaning up the Opera Choruses last year, uttering black curses upon those who were incontinent with their use of hard pencils.

Use the right pencil: Please remember that 2b pencils are available at the sales table in the coffee room – at 25p they're a steal.

Keep markings to the necessary minimum.

If you can't cope without making the page look like a Jackson Pollock, buy your own score and do as you please!

Bach Scores have arrived

Some of you ordered scores via John Hicks, and they have arrived. John has gone to the USA this week, so I have been charged with handing them out and collecting £9.95 from you. Please have the correct change... no tickee, no shirtee.

The CDs aren't all in yet. I have four of them; first come (with money), first served! The rest will arrive with John next week.

Changes to Cyberbass.com

We can still play the Cyberbass files live on our computers, but I note with interest that Cyberbass has blocked the downloading of files... they probably wish to sell more of their rehearsal CDs!

For those of you who need the CDs I have hitherto produced, fear not – there's more than one method of flaying a feline.

Cinema Picnic

We managed very well; the promised deluge didn't arrive until fairly late in the afternoon, but we set up camp in the foyer for our munchies to be on the safe side. Lynette even wore gingham for the barn-raising. Host Bob very generously waived all cinema costs, so once we've paid for the ice-creams, all remaining monies will come to TCS funds. Every little helps.

And finally...

For fully paid up members of the Samantha fan club, the ISIHAC Roadshow is coming to the Bristol Hippodrome on Sunday 20 September. It isn't a Radio 4 recording, but the usual suspects (with Jeremy Hardy as TB-T's team-mate and Jack Dee in Humph's seat) will be playing your favourite games for the evening. Just thought I'd mention it. Mrs Trellis tipped me off.

(I'm sorry if you haven't a clue what this is about – but I know some of you are avid Mornington Crescent players.)