

27/07/2009 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 4 of 15

England expects...

...every Tyndaler to do his/her duty.

(I'm aiming for a nautical theme this week. We can't all be sailing in splendour on the QM2, so we'll have to make do.)

You are asked to muster at 3 bells in the second dogwatch (7.30pm to landlubbers) to pipe aboard our guest conductor, Chris Swain. I'm sure that even with some off on hols we can still turn out in numbers. It is always fun to rehearse with a new conductor – they all have their own style and bring something different to the party. I'm sure you'll enjoy Chris's approach.

James is back at the piano this week, so all will be well.

All hands to the capstan...

There are some physical jobs to be done on rehearsal nights, and I need help again this week. Even with some assistance last week, I overdid it and paid the price with a swollen and sore knee for two days.

1. The piano needs to be hauled into position
2. The tables need to be put out in the coffee room
3. The 2nd soprano chairs need to be swung round
4. The block and music stand need to be fetched down. (We'll forget the noticeboard for now.)

And at the end of the evening, all this has to be reversed. No sloping off to your hammocks until the church is ship-shape and Bristol fashion.

50th Birthday lunch

Given the enthusiastic waving of hands at rehearsal a couple of weeks ago, indicating strong approval of the Hare & Hounds Sunday lunch option, we have made a booking. With the idea in mind that on the summer concert weekend the vast majority of members should at least be available, we have picked Sunday 4th July. There are arguments for and against any date we might plump for, and some will feel that consecutive days of Tyndale events is over-egging the pudding. On the plus side, we should still be on our post-concert high when we gather for the lunch.

Your committee will be discussing further details of the event at its September meeting; if you have any bright ideas/suggestions, please let a committee member know.

On the far horizon...

(I'm stretching the theme to breaking point!)

I am delighted to tell you that at Ian's invitation our President, James Bowman CBE, countertenor, has kindly agreed to participate in our 'Messiah' next year. James will sing an aria ("He was despised") or perhaps two if we're lucky, and has waived any fee (apart from a bit of petrol money). His contribution should certainly give a lift to our 50th birthday concert. Happy days!