

# 14/09/2009 Choir Notices

## Rehearsal 7 of 15

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## Autumn Newsletter

Please pick up your copy (if you didn't last week) from the coffee room.

## Coffee/Tea Rota

Please sign up to help Glenis at the urn – there is a list on the noticeboard.

## Summer concert £££ results

As you will have noticed, the audience was a tad thinner than last year; we had 144 (including official Friends) and therefore fell short of budget on ticket income (and the knock-on effect for bar income).

We therefore only raised £468 towards the cost of our November concert, which was a little disappointing.

Just a hair short of 40% of singing members did not sell a single ticket. Had those members all managed to sell just one, we'd have been £200 better off and on target. If all else fails, why not buy a ticket yourself and gift it to a friend? That would swell the audience, and introduce someone to the joys of live music. They might even buy a ticket themselves next time...

## Making Music AGM

Julie Phillips (your MM rep) and your secretary went to the Making Music AGM and Conference in Leeds on Saturday 5 September on your behalf. The focus of the day was on conductors and choirs, the relationship, the contracts, the recruiting process etc. I think we gleaned a deal of information which we can put to good use as we draw up a battleplan for finding Ian's successor. It was particularly good to hear from the committees of other societies who have just gone through the process of appointing a new conductor. They looked a little peaky, I thought.

One thing came through loud and clear, and that is that the membership as a whole has to play its part in this process, so when you are asked, please do contribute. Watch this space.

## Red letter email day

Be still my beating heart – I received an email from Howard Goodall this week... I had written to him seeking advice on a matter, and he suggested we might be interested in applying for a BBC choral ambition grant. I had in fact applied for it two days earlier, but it's the thought that counts.

## “Do as I say, not as I do.”

Wasn't that Miss Jean Brodie's mantra?  
Having encouraged you all to ringfence Monday nights, I'm off for a week! I have no shame at all. Back to the scene of my downfall, Pembrokeshire, to have the week's holiday which we were diddled out of in May by my knee. I think I'll shop at Morrison's, this time. Tesco is just TOO dangerous.

## And finally...

Make sure you listen to John Ewer's notices this week... he has Big News.