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Split Rehearsals

We hope that you found the 'sectional' rehearsal helpful last week ... no doubt we'll have one or two more. Rumour has it that the 1st altos are enjoying their Wednesday soirees and that the 1st sopranos have another session in mind - with this fabulous determination, we'll be laughing.

The Autumn Quiz

Dear James 'the Piano' has prepared a lovely gentle meander of a quiz for us - all you need is a cup of tea, a Gypsy Cream, and a map to solve it. £1 from the sales table. Thank you.

Get well soon

I am sorry to report that Anne Shipton is struggling to throw off the respiratory problem she has had for the past 5 weeks, and has decided that she probably won't be well enough to tackle the concert. Anne says she'll be in the audience, health permitting. I'm sure we all join in wishing Anne a speedy and full recovery.

This means that we need a **Concert Manager**. Please see a committee member if you can take this on for November. Anne has all the information for you, so you will be well briefed.

Our local competition

On the same night as our Bach, there will be a 'Messiah' at St Mary's, Wotton - we aren't clear on who is performing, but we understand it isn't a locally based choir or orchestra and that the tickets will be more expensive than ours. It is, to say the least, *unhelpful* (I have other words in mind, though).

The only thing we can do is to get our tickets sold PRONTO. Do not wait, otherwise your friends will perhaps plump for the opposition, unaware of our concert date - especially those in the Wotton area. Get our retaliation in first, as the saying goes! We have therefore prepared the tickets for sale a week or two earlier than usual, so

that we aren't caught napping. Posters/fliers should also be distributed early, to beat them to the punch.

There is a sheet on the noticeboard for you to record your ticket sales as we go - the best we have done over recent years is about 130 pre-sold. The target this year is 180. With Bach behind us, it is a realistic number; we can't rely on walk-ups with Handel's siren calls luring them off to down-town darkest Wotton.

Hon. Treasurer

You will recall that when we were in a hole at the AGM in March, Monica nobly offered to be our Treasurer; but she warned it would be a stretch for her, as her own accountancy business occupied so much of her time. It has since proved to be difficult for Monica to juggle her time, and at the September committee meeting, Monica said that she would like to step down at the 2010 AGM. So we thank Monica for her help, but we are back to needing a Treasurer. Groundhog day!

We have just 5 more rehearsals, then we break up for the Winter. In March, the AGM will be at the second rehearsal. That is why we are always anxious to have volunteers come forward early for committee vacancies. It is unacceptable for us to be at the AGM with vacancies to fill and no volunteers to fill them; taking a turn on the committee needs thought and preparation, to ensure the continued success of the society, and to minimise disruption.

Be clear that the society cannot continue without a Treasurer. Indeed, we need the 3 officers and 6 other committee members to function. No-one has yet come forward to offer to take on Publicity or Concert Secretary (or the sales table for that matter) - all of which are mentioned in the newsletter.

To be blunt: no committee, no society. We don't want the 50th birthday party to become a wake.

And finally...(I need the light relief after that little lot!)

A man was just coming round after surgery, and his wife was sitting dutifully by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, 'My, but you're beautiful.' Then he drifted off again.

His wife was deeply touched, and she stayed by his side. A few minutes later his eyes fluttered open again and he muttered, 'You're cute.' The wife noted the change of compliment.

'What happened to 'beautiful'?' she asked.
'The drugs are wearing off...' he replied.