

02/11/2009 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 14 of 15

Sits. Still Very Depressingly Vac.

Treasurer (2010), Concert Secretary (2010), Publicity (2010).

Oh! Mr Porter...

The bright and brainy among us should hand in their completed quizzes to James this week. We hope you travelled well!

Bach Ticket Sales

Again: on the pink sheet on the noticeboard, please do cross off a number for every ticket you have already sold – we'd like to know how we are doing. Better than last week, we hope.

Christmas Sing

... is cancelled this year. Bah. Humbug. With the best will in the world, 2 sops, 6 altos, 1 tenor and no basses can't make a balanced sound, so we cannot proceed with the proposed Hillesley event.

It's a shame for those of us who fancied a carol or two, but that's the way the mince pie crumbles. Thanks are due to John Hicks and Julie and Gordon Philips for trying to make this happen.

50th Birthday lunch

So far, 19 of the current 88 members have signed up for the birthday lunch (27 with partners), and we thank them for their loyal support.

It is certainly a way in advance, but you will surely understand the reasons for the committee wanting your early commitment:

1. we would prefer to cover the room deposit before year end to tidy up the budget
2. experience has shown that too many members tend either to forget Tyndale dates and double book themselves, or cynically keep their options open, and then back out of events they said they would support, leaving the organisers with a problem. This is unfair on your committee members who are trying to bring you events you have asked for. We thought an early cash deposit would help some of us with our forward calendar planning. Remember – it's the day after the concert ... you should, in theory, be around.

If you intend joining in, please fill in a booking form and give your £5 deposit to Julia.

And finally...

I thought I'd share with you my concert to-do list:

- *Get programme printed, collate, staple and fold.*
- *Print off info sheets for orchestra.*
- *Liaise with Bournville College re students.*
- *Friday 13th*
 - *am: pick up Freddie at Thornbury and do the catering shop.*
 - *pm: do veg prep, cook ham, assemble kitchen stuff for transportation tomorrow.*
 - *6pm: meet the lads (with Brendan) in Stinchcombe to load the staging.*
- *Concert day:*
 - *9.30: leave home (with Brendan) for St James, stay till staging is up and snagging sorted.*
 - *Whip home, load car (remember concert togs, hairbrush, and deodorant), get back to St James for 1.30, unload car, make sure Freddie is happy in kitchen.*
 - *2.30 Rehearse.*
 - *During musicians' union break: run to kitchen to help Freddie with tea/coffee/biscuits, wash up.*
 - *Rehearse.*
 - *5pm – go to kitchen, help Freddie serve teas/soups etc. to orchestra, soloists, Bournville contingent, and wash up. Ferry detritus to the car.*
 - *Remember to get changed for concert...*
 - *7.30pm – sing the Bach b minor Mass....*
 - *10pm – help with staging/clearing up.*
- *Sunday*
 - *very early – go to Stinchcombe (with Brendan) to help with off-loading staging.*

Now -I'll ask again: who, amongst those who have not volunteered for other tasks, is willing to do half an hour in the soup kitchen? Or perhaps bake a cake?