

## 15/03/2010 Notices

### ABC Class of 2010

### Week 10 of 10

#### Warmest congratulations

You have seen the course through to its conclusion - give yourselves a well-earned pat on the back. You are fully entitled to be smug and self-satisfied. Attendance has been consistently good and the dropout rate has been miraculously low for such a challenging evening course.

#### BBC Radio Glos

Vere will be here again this week; we must give a good rendition of one of the Messiah choruses to prove what we've learned. Confident entries! Breathing! Consonants! Watch the conductor!

#### Messiah Scores / Badges

Please do hand in your Messiah score to Librarian Lynette before you disappear this week; anyone who forgets will have to deliver it to Lynette in Wotton pronto. It would also be appreciated if you would hand in your badges... I'll need them for the October workshop!

#### Yet another Messiah

There seem to be more come-and-sing-the-Messiahs than you can shake a stick at just now; one I would recommend is on 28<sup>th</sup> March - £5 – St James', Dursley (the big church a few doors down from the Methodist Church). I fully intend going myself, so please keep an eye out for me if you decide to join in. Scores will be available (Prout edition, not Watkins Shaw, but don't worry about it).

#### Tyndale's August Sing and October Elijah

During our summer break, we will meet on August Mondays, 7.30pm, in St Martin's North Nibley, when John Hicks will help prepare us for the come-and-sing Elijah in October, and also get us singing other bits and pieces. It's strictly just for fun, open to all, and the cost is just £2 an evening or £5 for the 4 sessions, to include coffee/biscuits. Proceeds to St Martin's. Check out the website.

#### Time for your verdict

I have emailed on this subject in the last week, but just in case you didn't get it...

We need to know how we might improve any aspect of the course so it would really help if you would take a moment to write a little something, along the lines of what you were looking for, what you actually found, what was your experience of the project, and what you are now going to do to continue with your singing.

Please feel free to include any comments on what you found helpful, and not so helpful; it will help us (and our sister societies) plan future ABCs. It's a learning curve for all of us.

#### Where next?

I promised you some pointers to other singing groups. Obviously Chris will speak to you about Wycliffe (some Tyndalers belong to Wycliffe too). Other choral societies are listed on the choral calendar which you will find in the coffee room this week. As I have said, I cannot guarantee that they have spaces just now, but I'm sure that they will in due course.

In addition, there are the Painswick Singers, Dursley Male Voice Choir, Cotswold Chorus (Dursley), Stroud Choral Society, Bristol's Great Western Chorus (men only harmony), Fascinating Rhythm (women only harmony). There are of course church choirs needing numbers. You can visit your local town websites to seek other groups. Beware – some 'community choirs' charge £4/£5 per 90 minute session. Daylight robbery.

#### So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye ...

No doubt Chairman John Ewer will have some valedictory words for you on Monday, so I shall sign off here. May I start by saying it has been a pleasure to get to know you all.

As to sight-singing... don't worry, be happy. I'm still learning after 9 years. Whenever I hit the skids and feel like throwing my score onto a bonfire, usually after the first three rehearsals of the season, I just remember that there are 12 possible notes. That's all. How hard can it be? That keeps me going, and it all comes right by concert night.

I do hope that you will all find some outlet for your singing – it doesn't have to be a choral society (which certainly isn't for everyone), it can be Rugby terraces or dog walks, karaoke nights or just the shower. Just make sure you sing SOMEWHERE!

To those of you whom we can accommodate in Tyndale, we look forward to seeing you very soon!

To those of you scattering to the four corners of Gloucestershire, I hope we'll see you at some of our concerts; don't be strangers!

I think that's it.

Now – anyone for a swift one in the Old Spot after our last session? Jack's buying... mine's a half of crème de menthe and a packet of cheese and onion...

Julia, Secretary