

## 22/03/2010 Choir Notices

## Rehearsal 1 of 13

First week schedule (not much use unless you already have a score on your shelf – sorry!)

Durufle Libera Me (end), Introit, Kyrie  
Ireland pps 1-5, 26-end

Next week:

Durufle Lux aeterna, Libera me,  
Ireland pps 1-5]

### Welcome back!

After a proper Winter, with ice and snow, gales and blizzards, we can now come out of hibernation and start singing again. Whoopee!

Mind you, about 18 of us have been seeing each other on various Monday nights for the past 10 weeks, guiding the ABCs through their trial by fire. It has been (as in 2008) a most rewarding, enjoyable and worthwhile experience, but I am SO glad we don't normally rehearse in the coldest months – it can be a bit parky in the rehearsal room, even with the heating scorching the top of your head.

### At the piano

James is otherwise engaged this week, so we welcome Julian Elloway this evening. Julian will also be accompanying us at the Summer Concert.

### Name Badges

If you took your name badge home with you, please do bring it along for the first few weeks, until our memories are jogged sufficiently.

### Please come early

It's always a nightmare on the first night, with scores to hand out and friends to catch up with before we start work. Please do arrive early, so that we have a hope of starting our singing close to 7.30.

### Membership 2010

It looks as though about 13 of last year's membership of 87 won't be coming back to us this year; for some, the Bach proved an insuperable hurdle, but others had various reasons (moving away, other hobbies, etc). There is always attrition over the Winter. Such is life.

It therefore looks as though we can accommodate the ABCs and others who wish to join us; they will have the usual 3 rehearsals to 'try us on for size' before being asked to decide whether to join or not. Please do make new faces feel very welcome, and show them the ropes. Please also offer to 'buddy up' to help them along until they find their feet.

ABCs remember – the days of free coffee and biscuits are OVER! It's now 50p – a very valuable fund raiser.

### Subs Due (returning members)

For the convenience of our Treasurer, Monica, please do bring your subscription cheque and completed form with you. If any of your address/contact details have changed, please grab a form from Julia so that the records can be updated.

### Rehearsal aids

Ian has done some mp3s of the Ireland for us (what a saint he is) and I've got some Cyberbass Durufle.

Listen very carefully, I shall say this only once:

If you want a practice CD with both pieces on for £1, then please sign the list in the coffee room. I want to crack these in one hit, not keep going back to the pc and doing it in dribs and drabs, which takes far more time.

### Latin Pronunciation

I've had fun and done another pronunciation guide – this time for as full a text of the Latin requiem mass as I can find on the internet. Much more than we need for the Durufle, I reckon. Anyway, it will be on the website when John Hicks gets his broadband sorted. It's offered with the usual warnings!

### AGM next week- the clock's ticking

I'm sorry to report that no-one has yet contacted me regarding the vacancies we have to fill, as mentioned in the newsletter. (I've heard a couple of rumours, but that's all.) But there's still time... just a week.

Please also remember that each section needs to nominate a section representative – sort this out between yourselves in time for the AGM.

I would hate for the prospect of a wonderful year of singing and celebration to be soured by administrative crises at the outset. Play the game, Tyndalers!