

# 12/04/2010 Choir Notices

Rehearsal 3 of 13 Ireland pps 1-5, 10-21, Durufle Sanctus, Agnus Dei (Lux Aeterna)

## Subs Due (returning members)

For the convenience of our Treasurer, please do bring your subscription cheque and completed form with you. (The one issued with the newsletter. You can download it from the website if necessary.)

## BBC PAF Grant

The final report on the ABC was submitted to the Beeb, and the balance of the grant has been received. The committee decided to proceed with the ABC project prepared to take a tidy loss, but due to the numbers recruited particularly from Frampton and the Stroud area, and the BBC grant, we have ended up with a surplus of about £730; not to mention some potential new members!

## Bronwen Mills workshops

Diary dates, with three line whip:

Thursday, 24 June, 7.30pm, Methodist Church.  
Thursday, 7 October, 7.30pm, Methodist Church.

The idea is to give us a severe brushing up on technique as we approach our concerts, so that we don't suffer any shortage of breath at inopportune moments or have any unpleasant sounds due to unsupported singing, or indeed any other singer's peccadilloes.

These workshops are coming out of our budget, so there won't be any separate charge; you are, however, asked (alright then, EXPECTED) to attend and take full advantage of Bronwen's excellent advice, for the benefit of the total sound of the choir.

## Disposal/Dispersal of TCS library

Following the committee's decision to dispose of most of the accumulated and infrequently used TCS library, some items are going to churches/other choirs on a long-term loan basis, some sets will be offered for sale via Amazon, and some items will be offered for sale over the coming weeks to members.

This does not mean that they will be sold for pennies. We have looked at the new price, and at the going rate for second-hand, and at the condition of the scores, and have priced them

accordingly. What remains unsold will be offered to other societies' members for sale. No haggling will be entered into. We are obliged to obtain a reasonable return for the liquidation of these assets.

## True Friends...

To recognise the generosity of Carole and Sandy McDonald, who are storing our staging at no charge, the committee has made them honorary friends of the society, so that they can at least attend our concerts as our guests and have a drink on us. It's the very least we can do.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch - 4 July, Hare & Hounds Westonbirt

A reminder that all are welcome; members brand new, present, past, and their partners. All are asked to contact and invite any past members of their acquaintance. We are 67 in number at the moment, which will be grand, but we can accommodate more, and it should be a lovely occasion.

## Pinch me, I'm dreaming

Since April 2006, there has been a recurring item on the committee agenda, to wit: a splash of colour for the ladies' concert rigout. It returns each year as some member or other asks about our concert dress, particularly at the Summer concert. The white blouses don't do many of us any favours, the buttonholes can be problematic for some to provide, a nuisance for hay fever sufferers, vary dramatically in design, can wilt alarmingly by 9pm, and some don't like putting pins through their blouses/shirts. Members (in particular those who have raised the question) have been asked several times to come up with samples and costings, but nothing has ever transpired. Your committee, in desperation and some exasperation, has therefore grasped the nettle.

(Fanfare) *A decision has been made.*

For the summer concert, we will be sporting scarves, tied loosely at the front, in a selection of colours as provided by IKEA sheer curtains – blue, pink, and purple. See noticeboard for colour samples. Think mixed sweet peas. The gentlemen will have matching faux pocket handkerchiefs, should jackets be worn. (John Hicks' idea.)

You'll look GORGEOUS.

Cost? £30 the lot. Cheap as chips and twice as simple. It is a case of one seam on the sewing machine in two ticks. A rush of smiling seamstresses is now required – please see me.

PS – if I sound a bit more tetchy than usual, it's because of the AGM.