

Tiptree Choral Society Newsletter No. 28

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Looking back, I find that although we somehow find ourselves at the beginning of April, this is in fact the first newsletter of 2014 - apologies that such a tardy missive just about squeezes into the Spring Term! At least it really does seem to be spring weather now – beautiful pink and white

blossom covering the trees and loads of bird song: the one outside my window sounds just like an alarm clock and has exactly the same effect at 5:00 every morning! And what's more, with the warm sunshine we have had recently, we can all dig out those flowery shirts and skirts we wore last time that 'florals' were in fashion!



Accompanist

This will be the last newsletter that I write with Peter Dolimore as our accompanist. He has played brilliantly for us for the last 10 years and we have loved working with him and his often quirky sense of humour, so on behalf of all of us, Peter, a huge 'Thankyou' for all your commitment to and support of Tiptree Choral Society.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have a new accompanist to start work with us after the Easter break. David Leveridge, a former Head of Music at Colchester Royal Grammar School, will take on the role. Some of you will have spotted him at rehearsal a couple of weeks ago when he came to find out a bit more about us. He enjoyed that experience and has decided to come back for more; we look forward to welcoming him very soon. In the meantime, he and his wife will be at the concert on Saturday so if you recognise him from his visit, introduce yourself and say hello!

Concert

This Saturday's concert has suddenly raced up on us, hasn't it? Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to come and enjoy the lovely music we will be singing. Our rehearsal starts at 3:00pm; hopefully we will be christening our recently purchased staging (some delivery difficulties apparently -keep your fingers crossed!), but either way, if you can come a bit earlier to help set up it would be appreciated. Times will be confirmed at the next rehearsal. Concert wear is long black skirts or trousers (floor or ankle length) for ladies, DJs for gentlemen.

We have also made the transition from plastic cups to glasses for refreshments. A set of glasses has been donated to the Society and Judith has very kindly washed them all for us – thankyou Judith! It will take us a little longer to clear away, but lovely for our audience to have proper glasses to drink from. Some people always stay behind for a little after a concert to help clear away in the hall and in the Church, but it would be very good to have a few more pairs of hands to help wash and pack away the glasses.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Not having mentioned birthdays since last November, there are a number of people who are now one year older. We wish you 'Happy Birthday' and trust all your days, whether in December, January, February or March were enjoyable times spent with family and friends and that April birthdays will be too.

So felicitations to: Katie, Betty, Judith, Emily C and Emily D, Mary R and Mary T, Marion, Pauline, Bob, Helen, Kim, Shirley, Nick, Sam, Brenda and Nancy on their shared day, Les, Muriel for her special one and Anne on her travels (she was travelling up the Atlantic coast for hers!). Looking ahead to April, we hope Thomas and Malcolm enjoy their respective anniversaries too.

Dates for your Diary

2014-2015

June 27th Summer concert
End of Summer Term to be confirmed but likely to be July 9th

2015-2016

Term dates to be confirmed
December 5th Gounod St Cecilia Mass plus another work to be decided
December 5th – end of Autumn Term

It just remains to wish you all a very happy Easter – have a good break and enjoy the chocolate!

Liz

April 1st 2014

