

Tiptree Choral Society Newsletter No. 30

Making music together since 1945



What a wonderful Indian summer we have enjoyed this year! It's been fabulous to have the opportunity to spend time outside in the sunshine and enjoy our gardens for longer. I was lucky enough to be walking in the Wye Valley as the trees were changing - the scenery and the weather were beautiful. Even November has been kind to us so far – long may it continue!!

Comings and Goings

Apologies for not bringing you up to date sooner – I'm sure some of you will have noticed a few familiar faces missing from rehearsals this year.

After 24 years with the Society, and having experienced some poor health in recent months, Mary R decided it was time to retire. She has been a super supporter of TCS and we will miss her. Mary T and her husband decided to fulfil a long held ambition to live by the sea and have now moved to Felixstowe. Mary says she will find out about choirs in the area so hopefully she will keep singing. Jean has not been very well recently and has spent time in hospital as you

know, so she too will not be singing with us anymore. She has been such a stalwart member over many years and will be greatly missed. John too has decided to call it a day after his illness earlier in the year. He has been such a mainstay of the basses - we hope he keeps singing, even if it is in the bath! David and Pauline have decided that the journey from home to Tiptree is more than they want to do so have reluctantly decided to leave. They would like to thank us all, and particularly the members sitting around them, for making them so welcome. We are sorry to lose them all but hope to still see them at our concerts.

Several members are not able to sing with us this term; we look forward to seeing them again after Christmas.

It is lovely to be able to welcome new members so 'hello' to Sue, Julia, Jenny and Edward. Here's to many happy tears of singing together!

Doing the Maths!

I'm sure you've noticed that there are more goings than



comings in the above! We are actually ten singers down and four singers up this term – wouldn't it be good to redress the balance? We know that there are people out there who have yet to hear of Tiptree Choral (think of the cutting Malcolm read out last week), we just have to find them and

persuade them to join us! Apart from the added voice and social benefits of new people, there is a financial benefit too: more members mean more money. We are in the black at present and believe we can manage to pay our way this year but we do need to re build our reserves to enable us to put on concerts with orchestras and soloists such as we are planning for this time next year, so do please tell friends, family and complete strangers how great we are!

Friends

If people you know don't choose to sing, then perhaps you can persuade them to become a Friend instead. It means an annual donation and hopefully also supporting the society through attending concerts and letting others know about us. Our Friends list is currently short and we would like it to be longer so please do your best to add to it!! Jill J has kindly offered to take this on for us so all new names to Jill please - and thanks in advance for your efforts!

Subs

A handful of subs are yet to be handed to our treasurer. Here's a reminder of dates by which payment is due in case you need it:

30th September for annual or autumn term

31st January for spring term

30th April for summer term

[For those who weren't aware, these dates are given in the Society's Constitution.]

Christmas Raffle

The committee has decided to try having a raffle at the Christmas concert as a fund raising effort and if that goes well, then possibly at the Easter concert as well. We thought we



would have 4 prizes. We already have two donated prizes and we thought we would ask all members to share the cost of the other two prizes by each donating one pound – that money would then be used to purchase the other prizes. If you feel able to support this fund raising idea, please pass me your pound! (Naturally, any excess for Christmas will be put towards Easter.) Suggestions for prizes to purchase also gratefully received!!

Birthday Greetings!



Well, I've realised that the last newsletter was in June and there have been loads of birthdays celebrated since then! So... Happy Birthday to those who celebrated in the heat of the summer sun (that's July and August!):

Clive, Diana, Karin, Barbara,

Kate, Mary P, Ruth le P, Nina, Peter T, Chris, Dave, Gareth and Amanda.

Also to those who enjoyed the unseasonable warmth of September and October:

Carol, Sue M, James, Yvonne, Helena.

To our current November birthday babes, Jenny P and Geoff, and in advance to the 'December dolls' Katie, Betty and Judith.

Carol Singing at Wilkins

Don't forget the 27th November 6:30-7:00pm! Everybody welcome and thanks to those who have already said they will come. Sam will lead us in singing a few familiar favourites as he did last year so all you need to do is turn up at 6:15pm with scarf, mittens and your white carol book!

Dates for your Diary

2014-2015

September 11th start of Autumn Term 2014-2015
October 30th - half term week for Essex schools so no rehearsal
November 27th – carol singing at Wilkin's
December 6th Britten 'Ceremony of Carols' plus other
December 6th - end of Autumn Term
January 8th – start of Spring Term
February 19th – half term week for Essex schools so no rehearsal
March 21st Fauré and Mozart Requiems
March 21st – end of Spring Term
April 16th - start of Summer Term (tbc)
April 25th concert for The Bible Society
June 27th Summer concert
July 9th AGM and end of Summer Term (tbc)

2015-2016

September 10th 2015 start of Autumn Term (tbc)
December 5th Gounod St Cecilia Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria with The Kingfisher Sinfonietta
December 5th – end of Autumn Term

Hope I haven't left anything or anyone out!

Liz

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