

Tiptree Choral Society Newsletter No. 31

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If it does happen that one day we are able to arrange to visit the Isle of Man to sing with our friends in the Glenfaba Chorale, we really should go. Douglas, the capital of the Isle of Man, is a lovely place with a



stunning backdrop of mountains, yet set around a beautiful sweeping bay. The island also boasts four-horned sheep and cats with no tails, not to mention the black- and-white-edged TT track!



Back here on the mainland, May continues to act like April, sending us heavy showers of rain in between promising bouts of warm sunshine.

The Bible Society concert successfully performed to an appreciative audience, we are now working towards our final

concert of this singing year in St Luke's on July 11th and don't we have some lovely new music to learn! There was a super response to the Gift Day appeal – the final tally came to £600, the exact amount we needed for the music, a brilliant result – thank you everyone! Several members (including me!) have enjoyed holidays in recent weeks but do please support rehearsals as regularly as you can to make Malcolm's life teaching us as easy as possible!

While we are on the subject of the July concert, here's a heads up about concert wear. Malcolm would like us to be a bit more summery without being too casual (this isn't a barn concert after all) so it's black 'bottoms' - skirts/trousers (not jeans) floor/ankle length as always - and coloured tops this time. Tops for ladies and gents need to be long sleeved and plain, no patterns please! So start hunting through your wardrobes today!



Birthday Greetings

2015 has been a busy time for birthdays so far, with one or two ending in a zero! Emily, Marion, Pauline and Kim, three members of the Scott family – Karen, Nick and Bob – Brenda, Nancy, Muriel, Les and Malcolm, and this month, Tom, Sandra and Beverley. Many Happy Returns to you all! We also send special love and best wishes to Muriel and Nancy who are both unable to sing with us at the moment.

Our AGM



This year it's July 16th, the Thursday after our summer concert and hopefully before people lapse into holiday mode. Remember that the earlier date posted at the beginning of the year had to be changed because of the need to alter the summer concert date from June to July. Do please think about whether you could join the committee this time round – we are a small group of nine at the moment, including Malcolm and David, and would welcome more pairs of hands. Other things to think about for the AGM are subs (suggested increase to £90pa), a music fund (suggested £5 a term) and a second Gift Day to raise money for the orchestra. These suggestions have been raised in rehearsal earlier this year and received a lot of support so it would be good to finalise and ratify them (I believe the gift Day has already been agreed to by a majority of members). The idea of becoming a charity is also being looked into. Come along with your thoughts and ideas in July.

What do they eat in Puglia?



As we were talking about our proposed visit to this region the other day, how about a southern Italian recipe to try out to get us in the mood! You will need to: skin and blanch (5 mins in boiling water then drain) some baby broad beans; fry half a chopped red chilli, a small

onion and some thin strips of pancetta in a little olive oil for about 5 mins; chargrill (or toast!) some thick slices of sourdough bread (brush with olive oil first) until golden both sides and once toasted, rub on some garlic (optional); top the slices of bread with some broad beans and some of the pancetta mixture, season, add a drizzle of olive oil and a slither or two of pecorino (or whatever cheese you have in your fridge!) and enjoy a taste of sunshine!



Dates for your Diary

2014-2015

May 28th no rehearsal – half term break
July 11th Summer concert in St Luke's
July 16th AGM and end of Summer Term

2015-2016

September 10th 2015 - start of Autumn Term
October 29th 2015 - no rehearsal - half term
December 5th - Gounod St Cecilia Mass and Vivaldi's Gloria with The Kingfisher Sinfonietta
December 5th – end of Autumn Term
March 19th Easter concert
Summer concert to be arranged

2016-2017

November 26th - Autumn concert
December 10th - carol concert

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18th May 2015