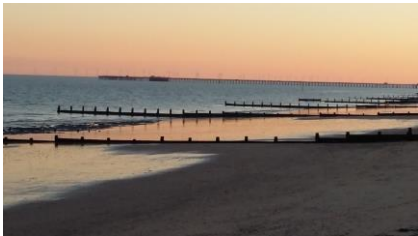


Tiptree Choral Society Newsletter No. 38

Making music together since 1945

From being a regular event, the Tiptree Choral newsletter appears to have slid into near oblivion, but here one is, just caught by its shirt tails! I think we all know what my New Year resolution ought to be...!



Halfway through this Autumn term already and still enjoying beautiful summer-like weather – it has been glorious recently hasn't it, with fabulous sunsets that lose their fire and mellow as the month wears on. The clocks

go back at the weekend, the extra hour always welcome, and Hallowe'en any minute now too – hope you all have your pumpkin lanterns ready!

It's always slightly odd singing carols in September isn't it but Malcolm has chosen a lovely mix for our Christmas concert... and I've nearly got the twelve days of Christmas!! (Thanks Malcolm for the extra practice!) Apparently, there are a couple of other concerts on 'our night' so a good idea to spread the news and get people to put the date in their diaries now! Tickets should be available to sell from mid-November at our regular price of £12, and of course they will be available on the door. Come and see me if you would like to buy in advance.



Many thanks to you all for being so good about filling in the new registration form as it means we will have ticked all the boxes required to meet the new data regulation guidelines. And a special thanks to Sue, our beautifully efficient membership secretary, who has made my job easier by processing the forms as they have come in. If there is anyone out there who has slipped through the net (and I happen to know a handful of people have paid fees but not yet handed in their forms!), Sue and I both have spare copies if you need one.

Once the last group of names have been added, there should be a complete email list. As some of you have already discovered, there are hitches from time to time in sending (and receiving!) group emails so please keep an eye out for them and if nothing appears, let me know. Oh, and check your spam box!

We used to share the email list with all members but with the current regulations, everyone needs to give permission for everyone else to have their email address and each person also needs to undertake to keep that list safe, so probably less complex if we simply exchange emails on a personal basis as we choose.



November always brings anniversaries, but this year, as you know, it is the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War. Have you heard about *Battle's Over*? Coordinated by Bruno Peek from Great Yarmouth, it is the nation's tribute to mark

the centenary of the 1918 Armistice. "It's going to pay tribute to the millions who either died or returned home dreadfully wounded during or after the war finished on November 11th, 1918," Mr Peek has said. The tribute takes its name from the name of the tune that was traditionally played by Scottish regiments at the end of a battle, 'When the Battle's Over'. At the beginning of Armistice Day, the pipes will be played at Westminster Abbey and at sites around Britain and around the world, while at the end of the day, bells from more than 1000 churches will ring out across Britain. I know lots of our villages are taking part in this and I'm sure many of us will be present at our own local commemorations.

Don't forget to check your diaries to see if you are able to go to France this time next year. I know it can be tricky as lots of us book holidays and other dates, such as childminding commitments with grandchildren, well in advance these days but it would be good if we can muster a sufficiently large group to make a viable choir.



Birthday Greetings



We'll wish a belated Happy Birthday to some and an advance Happy Birthday to others, shall we? September sizzlers were Carol, Sue M, Jenny B, Ken and James; October has been graced by Yvonne, David L, Helena and Alan; November's autumn lovelies are Sue S and Jenny P and December's winter

babes are Katie, Pat, and Judith. Many happy returns to one and all.

One of our members has passed on information from 'The Really Big Chorus': they are doing the Verdi Requiem and Carmina Burana at the Albert Hall next year and organising a summer school at Warwick University with a concert in Coventry Cathedral. You can also do singing trips abroad to France and Greece. If you are interested, have a look at their website: www.trbc.co.uk.

Dates for your 2018-19 Diary



2018

- Saturday 8th December Christmas carol concert and end of Autumn Term
- Tuesday 18th December carols at The Parish Rooms, Tollesbury at 7:30pm

2019

- Thursday 10th January start of Spring Term
- Thursdays 11th&18th April 2 week break for Easter
- Saturday 18th May concert: Haydn 'Mass in Time of War' & Handel 'Dixit Dominus'
- Thursday 4th July AGM and end of summer term
- Thursday 5th September start of Autumn Term for 2019/2020
- 24th-27th October proposed visit to France
- Saturday 7th December concert at St Luke's and end of Autumn Term

2020

- Thursday 9th January start of Spring Term

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