

Royal Tunbridge Wells  
**CHORAL  
SOCIETY**  
Newsletter – December 2013

**Carols at John Lewis at Home.**

A big “thank you!” to those of you who supported us by singing carols on Saturday and/or Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. By doing so you enabled us to get the Company to sponsor our activities during the current season.

**THURSDAY December 5<sup>th</sup>: Carols for Late-night Shopping in the HIGH STREET:**

Over 50 shops will stay open late and will help to raise money for the Kent/Sussex/Surrey Air Ambulance. There will be festive entertainment, special offers and promotions, competitions, fancy dress, and a raffle to win High Street goodies – and of course unsurpassable carol-singing by the Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society!

We will be singing – with breaks – from 6.30 to 8.30 pm in various locations up and down the street, and it is another great opportunity to show off and get some more publicity.

Volunteers for all voices please make yourselves known to Melissa urgently.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Concert at St Mary’s Church at Goudhurst:**

- Further volunteers are needed:
  - for set-up at 2.30pm [names to Roy please]
  - And for programme sellers from 6.00pm [names to Elena Gente please]
- Rehearsal to start promptly at 3.00 p.m.
- Tea will be served at about 5.00 p.m. in Village Hall. Jill asks for some ladies to assist please in setting up and clearing away.
- Performance starts at 6.30pm
- Car Parking options:
  - Back Lane (behind Church)
  - Village car park below Village Hall
  - Church car park, adjacent to church
- Changing facilities limited to toilets in Village Hall and Church.
  - Members may prefer to come ready already dressed.
  - Do not leave any personal effects in Village hall as it will be locked from 6.00p.m onwards
- Concert dress:
  - Ladies: red tops [NOT pink/cerise/fuchsia or orange please!] and long black skirt or trousers.
  - Men: dark suits or D.J.’s with white shirts: colourful ties [or bow ties] permitted.
- We will NOT be using the Black folders
- Please help to clear up afterwards by stacking chairs, replacing pews, etc. We do not have a staff to carry out general duties.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>: Carols at Rosset Holt and Halliwell Nursing Homes:**

- 6.20pm: Muster at Rosset Holt
- 6.30 to 7.00pm: Sing at Rosset Holt  
Move on to Halliwell
- 7.30 - 8.15pm: Sing at Halliwell
- After Carols, Halliwell offers us mince pies and coffee with Residents in the Refectory

You are asked to bring your Green *Carols for Choirs* score please [remember not to hand it in after the Goudhurst Concert if you will be singing at this event]

### **December 24th: Carols in the lobby at Hotel du Vin:**

- Arrive 7.15 p.m. ready for 7.30 start
- Sing from 7.30 to 8.15 and repeat the programme from 8.45 to 9.30
- Refreshments provided during the break
- Dress smart but not formal
- Green Books only if possible: keep your copy after Goudhurst Concert and bring with you
- More voices needed please – all voices but especially T+B: please contact Michael Selway.
- Roland Millar has kindly agreed to conduct us.
- Car parking in multi-storey opposite.

## **Looking further ahead:**

**Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>:** First rehearsal of the new term.

- If you have only paid the 1st half of your 2013-2014 Subscription the balance will be due by this day.

**Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>:** our traditional **Annual Dinner**

- Application forms can be downloaded from our website – or picked up at rehearsals from Elena Lewis-Grey. Please return your booking forms to her as soon as possible but in any event no later than January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Please mark your new calendars/diaries for what is sure to be a very unusual evening at St John's, when one of our newer members – Martin Williams - will be giving a fascinating talk called:

### **"How Argo got it Wrong:**

### ***A first-hand account of Iran's Islamic Revolution"***

- Martin was working in the British Embassy, Tehran, during the period of Iran's Islamic Revolution. He was personally involved in the crisis which followed the storming and occupation of the American Embassy in 1979. This incident was the basis of the recent blockbuster film "ARGO", but the facts were different from the screenplay! Entry will be by ticket at a cost of £10 per head.
- This is sure to prove a most interesting evening – for non-members as well – so please spread the word to friends and others outside. Flyers will shortly be available soon.
- A bar will be provided.

## **Request From Melissa: Marketing Data-base**

Would Members with email addresses, please make a point of adding [publicity@rtwcs.org.uk](mailto:publicity@rtwcs.org.uk) to your "contacts" list or address book. This will enable Melissa to send emails to you that you can then forward to friends and family to help spread the word about our upcoming activities.

In the short term Melissa will be sending out an email with the request that you please forward it to people who have bought tickets from us in the past, asking them to sign up to our priority newsletter database.