

Welcome!

Welcome to the second half of our 2010/11 Season. You have already been told that it will be busy, but hopefully enjoyable, and the key events are detailed to enable you to fill your new 2011 diaries.

Rehearsals have already commenced for the Dvorak *Stabat Mater*, which was last performed by the RTWCS on 2nd May 1906 so it is due for another airing. That was the second concert that the choir staged after its formation. There have been a few changes since then!

The concert will be performed at the Assembly Hall on **Sunday, 10th April** with a rehearsal on every Monday up to that date, plus a Friday rehearsal on the **8th April**.

On the 11th April rehearsals will commence for both the Wiesbaden concert and the following Summer Concert, both sharing some of the same music to reduce the workload. There will be 6 rehearsals prior to our departure for Germany: one of these will be on Tuesday April 26th (in lieu of Easter Monday). There **WILL** be a rehearsal on **Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May**. Members who are unable to travel to Germany will need to attend these to learn the music for the Summer Concert.

We are anxious to maintain our close bond with our German partners and are honoured to be asked to join them in their celebration of their 100th anniversary of the Lutherkirche on the **29th May**. The programme has not yet been finalised, but we intend an Anglo-German repertoire, including Rutter *Requiem* and Mendelssohn *Hear My Prayer*, with the Bach Choir making other suggestions for our consideration at a meeting to be held in Wiesbaden on the 5th February. It is hoped that many of you will take this opportunity to renew your friendships or make new ones and to ensure that everybody can afford to go the fare has been subsidised to only £30 each. More details on this trip are contained separately. As the choir will be returning from Wiesbaden on bank Holiday Monday 30th May there will be **NO** rehearsal that evening.

On the **6th June** we recommence rehearsals to prepare for the Summer Concert that is to be held on **Saturday, 25th June 2011**. There will be 3 Monday rehearsals plus a final rehearsal on **Friday 24th June**. Members of Richard Gosling's family, some of whom will be travelling from Australia to be present, have been kind enough to sponsor this concert in memory of Richard. The Rutter work will be repeated, and we will also repeat the anthem that was sung by some of us at Richard's funeral, together with other works.

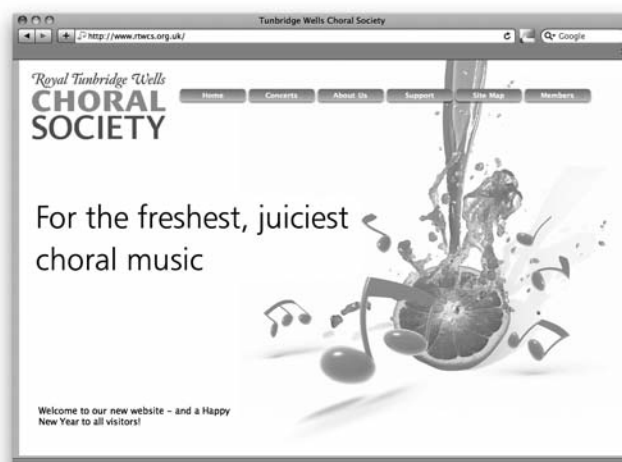
After that concentrated workload you may feel it appropriate to have a rest and a summer holiday, ready for a new start in September.

Future Programme

On **Sunday 13th November** we perform the popular work of Elijah by Mendelssohn at the Assembly Hall. East Grinstead Choral Society will also be performing this work on the previous weekend and an "open door" policy will be introduced so that you can perform the work with them in East Grinstead, and they will be welcome to join us a week later. More details will be available nearer the time.

Christmas Concert

Following the recent success of our concert at Goudhurst on the 12th December 2010 we have booked the church for **Sunday 11th December 2011**.



Website

We hope that you use our website and have noted the recent improvements. This now ties in with our new logo and provides a common style and appearance. Gareth Looker and Gavin Grant have been working hard to give it a more modern image and to improve its usefulness. Thanks to both of them for their considerable efforts and they would be pleased to receive your feedback. See for yourself at www.rtwcs.org.uk.

Treasurer

Michael Selway reminds you that if you pay your subscription in 2 halves then the January portion is now overdue and immediate settlement is urged.

In the previous newsletter you were advised of Michael's intention to stand down from the office of Treasurer and a suitable replacement is being sought for appointment at the next Annual General Meeting in September. This is a vital job and we hope that there will be an applicant soon – talk to Michael if you require further information.



Are you a Twitterer? The RTWCS now tweets as well as sings! Twitter fans can now follow us on Twitter at RTWChoralSoc. We started Tweeting about a month ago and now have 37 followers. This could be a good way of promoting our concerts and informing the local population of what we're up to. If anyone would like to take over and become the Tweet-meister please get in touch with Gareth Looker on 07734 104285 or track him down at a rehearsal on a Monday evening.

Annual Dinner

A reminder for those who have booked, the dinner is at The Beacon Hotel, at 7.00 for 7.30p.m. on **Saturday, 22nd January**.