## **NEWSLETTER: March 2012**

## **CARMINA BURANA**

The concert is on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Assembly Hall. The rehearsal will START at 10.00 a.m. sharp so you need to be seated in readiness.

The rehearsal will continue until lunch time, and you will need to be back in the hall by 2.45 p.m. The choir will not perform in the first half, and you can remain behind the stage curtains (where you must remain quiet – no talking, the microphones will be live) or, if you want to see the *Carnival of the Animals*, you can quietly take a seat in the rear of the circle at 3.00 p.m., returning to the stage during the interval in readiness for *Carmina Burana*.

## Concert Dress reminder:Ladies - Long black dress, or trousers and top. Minimal<br/>jewellery.Men - dinner jacket and black bow tie, or dark<br/>lounge suit.

When parking your car ensure that you pay enough up to 5.00 p.m. (minimum).

Even at this stage it is apparent that the words are causing problems. We will not give a confident performance if we are not word-perfect and you are urged to spend an hour with your score during this week to further familiarise yourself with the words.

The last rehearsal is on FRIDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> March in St John's **Church** [not the Church Hall] at 7.30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

## **VERDI REQUIEM**

The first rehearsal of our next work will be on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St John's as usual

We will welcome our guest conductor for this concert, Mr Graham Caldbeck, who assisted us at short notice last Summer. We are glad to have him back.

On this day we will have a short Special General Meeting to discuss a change to the Constitution. You will have received notice of this.

Our numbers for this concert 19<sup>th</sup> May will be reinforced by Mayfield Festival Choir and members of Cranbrook Choral Society, which will include Malcolm Riley and his family. We anticipate a turnout of **150** voices for this concert.

**Michael Selway** will be running in the London Marathon April 22nd 2012 and as a member of The *Society of London Ragamuffins* will be raising money for the *Downside Fisher Youth Club*. The Youth Club supports socially excluded children and young people from Bermondsey and its neighbouring areas, and helps them to fulfil their potential as capable, confident young adults through a structured programme of sporting, educational, artistic and recreational activities. To see more about what they do visit <u>www.downside-fisher.org</u>. If you'd like to sponsor Michael visit <u>www.justgiving.com/Michael2012</u> or phone Jeff Jarman on 01732 352039. **Thank you**.