

St Nicolas Concert at St John's:

Friday November 12th:

- Please be in the Church by 7.15pm, to ensure we are all in our places and ready to start by 7.30pm sharp.
- As many volunteers as possible by 6.30pm, please, to help arrange chairs and general layout.

Saturday November 13th at St John's:

- **Rehearsal** will start at 2.30pm in the Church
- Would as many volunteers as possible please come earlier (from 1.30pm onwards) to help set up seating, music desks, lighting etc, so that we can start the rehearsal punctually.
- The choir will finish rehearsal at approx 5.00pm
- **Performance** will start at 7.00pm and members should be ready to take their places by 6.45pm.
- **GENERAL POINTS for SATURDAY:**
 - Please avoid bringing your car if possible because of very restricted parking: where possible arrange to be dropped off/share vehicles/use public transportor be prepared to walk some distance from a remote parking space. (*There is a public car-park on John St – opposite the "Sainsbury Local" store*)
 - Dress code as previously announced:
 - **Ladies:** black skirt or trousers and black long-sleeved top. **Men:** black dinner jacket or lounge suit: black bow-tie and white shirt.
 - All singers are asked to please wear a Remembrance Poppy.
 - **Return of scores/sheet music:**
 - Would all members please return their music to Suzie Duke without fail on the 13th at the end of the performance.
 - Would any member NOT singing in the Concert please return it to Suzie before the 13th.
 - **Volunteer programme sellers:**
 - We still need people who are willing to sell programmes: will anyone who can help, or who has friends/family who may be able to do so, please contact Ann Greenfield or Suzie Duke.

Christmas Concert at Goudhurst:

Monday November 15th: Rehearsals resume, and continue on Mondays as normal until December 6th inclusive.

Sunday 12th December at St Mary's Goudhurst:

- Volunteers are required to prepare the Church for the performance: those who are willing to help are asked to be available at 2.30pm

- Actual rehearsal at 3.00pm.
- Refreshments will be served in the village hall after the rehearsal, as previously.
- Performance at 6.30pm

Traditional Carol Singing at Russet Holt and Halliwell:

Monday December 13th:

- Helen McNab has kindly consented to arrange this event once again, and will announce details shortly.
- All those who would like to take part are asked to keep the date free.

Annual New Year Dinner:

Saturday January 22nd 2011 (*NOT Jan 15th as previously announced*)

- This will take place at The Beacon – Rusthall – and the cost will be £27.50 per person including service charge (drinks are NOT included)
- Details of the menu and a tear-off booking slip are provided on the last page of this Newsletter. Please send or hand completed slips with payment to Roy Dunstall as soon as possible. (*Cheques will not be cashed until the date of the event*)
- We hope to provide a unique musical interlude after the meal.

Key Dates for 2011:

Members are invited to note the following dates in their diaries:

Monday January 10th 2011:

- Normal rehearsals will resume at 7.30 pm in St John's Church Hall.

Sunday April 10th 2011:

- Spring Concert at the Assembly Hall with Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*.
- We will be using the *Peters* edition. As well as the usual hiring arrangements, discount copies will be available to buy from the Librarian, Suzie Duke (077771 764207/dukesuz@aol.com) - please let her know by Christmas if you want her to reserve a copy.

Bank Holiday weekend of May 27th to 30th 2011:

- This will be the occasion of our next visit to sing with our friends in the Tunbridge Wells twin-town of Wiesbaden:
- The outline schedule is as follows:
 - May 27th: travel to Wiesbaden.
 - May 28th: rehearsals.
 - May 29th: Concert performance.
 - May 30th: travel back to TW.

We hope that a large number of members will be able to plan to take part in what has always proved to be an event of great warmth and friendship, and experience the satisfaction of making music in what we know is a magnificent venue.

Officers of the Society will be meeting with the Director of the *Bach Chor* in the next few weeks, and the complete programme and other details will be advised shortly

after that. In the meantime we invite members to block out this weekend in their diaries!

Details of cost and travel arrangements will follow later

Saturday June 25th 2011:

- Summer Sing 2011:
- Members may recall that at the time of Richard Gosling's Memorial Mass members of his family who live in Australia were unable to reach the UK for the occasion because of the volcanic ash disturbance to air travel. The family expressed the wish to celebrate Richard's life in a suitable way during their visit to Europe next summer, and have most generously offered to sponsor this concert in his memory. Further details of the programme will be announced shortly, but it will include some of the works to be performed in May at Wiesbaden.

Saturday 12th November 2011:

- Autumn Concert 2011: Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Vacant post of Treasurer:

Our Treasurer, Michael Selway, is standing down next summer and so we are looking for a new Treasurer by the end of this season. If you are interested in finding out what's involved, please speak to Michael. The sooner we can find Michael's successor the better, so please do consider whether you might be a suitable candidate.

We are also looking for an **Auditor** to replace Colin Turner, who is stepping down. This is a once-a-year task to check over the accounts which are prepared from the Treasurer's records by our resident accountant and bass singer, David Miller. If you are an accountant, or you know an accountant, who would be prepared to spare a few hours a year to support the society, please let Michael know.

Weekly Raffle:

We are most grateful to Jean Finch and her team of helpers, who run a raffle each Monday throughout the Season.

This is an important source of income, helping us to put on more ambitious concerts and to keep subscriptions down.

Please do support Jean - and the whole Society - by buying some tickets whenever you find you have change weighing down your purse or pocket, and by donating any suitable unwanted gifts etc.

**ANNUAL DINNER
RTWCS
Saturday 22nd January 2011
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Menu**

Roasted Tomato Soup with a Basil Cream
Pork and Cider Rilette with Spiced Apple Chutney
Beacon Prawn Cocktail

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Breast of Chicken stuffed with Spinach & Goats Cheese, served  
with Dauphinoise Potatoes, Smooth Carrot Purée and  
Sautéed Green Beans

Braised Lamb Shoulder served with Dauphinoise Potatoes,  
Smooth Carrot Purée and Sautéed Green Beans

Baked Delice of Salmon topped with a Beetroot and Horseradish  
Crust served with Tarragon Crushed New Potatoes and  
finished with a Bacon & Pea Ragout

Sweet Pepper and Goats Cheese Tart with Tarragon Oil,  
Baby Potatoes and Fine Green Beans

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Treacle Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream
Plated Seasonal Fruit with a glazed Mint Sabayon
Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee

£27.50 pp including service

Name:.....

Number in party:.....@ £27.50 including service: **Total cost:**.....

If you have a preference as to whom you are seated wish please give their name(s):

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Please complete and return this form with payment to Roy Dunstall:

roy.dunstall@virgin.net

OR

Moorfields, Chequers Road, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 1DL

Please note cheques will not be presented until the date of the Dinner