
Dates from now till Christmas

Britten Concert

Rehearsals every Monday until Monday November 8th inclusive.

Extra rehearsal 7.30pm Friday November 12th in St John's Church.

Final rehearsal 2.30pm Saturday November 13th in St John's Church.

Performance 7.00pm Saturday November 13th in St John's Church.

Normal concert dress

Ladies: black skirt or trousers and black long-sleeved top.

Men: black dinner jacket or lounge suit: black bow-tie and white shirt.

Christmas Concert

Rehearsals resume immediately after the Britten Concert: Monday November 15th.

Rehearsals continue each Monday until December 6th inclusive.

Sunday 12th December at St Mary's Goudhurst:

Final afternoon rehearsal: provisional timing 4.00pm.

Performance: 6.30pm.

Concert dress will be announced shortly.

Additional Carol Concert in aid of The Kent Association for the Blind

We have been invited to lead a Carol Concert in Tonbridge School Chapel on Sunday December 19th which is being organised as a fund-raiser by the Kent Association for the Blind:

The works will be selected from those previously learnt for the Goudhurst Concert, with the possible addition of other short well-known pieces and audience-participation carols

There will be a rehearsal in the Tonbridge Chapel from 1.00pm to 2.00pm on Sunday December 19th, and the Concert will take place at 2.30pm on the same day.

Music for both of our Christmas Concerts will be as follows:

Novello Book of Carols – selection.

Bach *Christmas Oratorio*, old Novello (ed Troutbeck) – selection.

Jenkins *Celebration of Christmas* (Boosey & Hawkes).

Your Committee and Line Reps

Following the September AGM there have been a few changes to the list of Committee Members, and very shortly a list will be circulated including photos so that you can identify who does what.

There have also been some changes in the list of Line Representatives, and we are most grateful to all of those – both new and existing – who have accepted this responsibility. The complete list is now as follows:

Soprano: Ann Greenfield and Suzie Duke.
(Sue Rogers from January 2011).

Alto: Jane Jackson and Shirley Morgan.

Tenor: Alan Spencer.

Bass: Clive Steward.

Ticket sales for November 13th St Nicolas Concert

Tickets can now be purchased and the date of the Concert is less than 6 weeks away. The expenses involved in staging concerts with a full orchestra and professional soloists are high so we appreciate your help in doing all you can to ensure a large audience.

Our target over the years has been to expect each member to sell at least four tickets each for each concert, to friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues etc. As an alternative, other members feel able to offer a donation equivalent to the price of several tickets.

Please spread the word and display and distribute flyers, leaflets and posters as widely as possible wherever you can.

New Year Dinner

The traditional New Year Dinner is planned for January 15th 2011. Could you please note the date in your calendars: further details as to venue etc will be announced shortly.

Further ahead

Wiesbaden 2011:

Looking still further ahead, the bank-holiday weekend of May 28th – 30th 2011 has been fixed as the next for our next visit to Wiesbaden.

The outline schedule will be 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 such a magnificent venue.

The complete programme and other details will be advised in the coming weeks, but in the meantime please note the dates in your diary.

Spring 2011 Concert:

Sunday 10th April 2011, Dvorak: *Stabat Mater*.

Summer Sing 2011:

Saturday June 25th 2011

Members may recall that at the time of Richard Gosling's Memorial Mass, his sister – Meg Probyn – and her family were unable to travel from Australia 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 a concert in his memory.

The timing of our 2011 Summer Sing is such that it provides an ideal opportunity to arrange a suitable programme. Further details will be announced later.

Autumn Concert 2011:

Saturday 12th November 2011, Mendelssohn: *Elijah*.