

Newsletter September 2012

Arising from the Committee Meeting held on the 12th September there are many items that need to be brought to the members' attention and this newsletter provides the information for you.

Annual General Meeting

The date of this will be Monday, 29th October. The meeting will commence at 9.00 p.m. to reduce the disruption to the rehearsal schedule and will hopefully run smoothly so that a late night is not experienced. The Secretary will send a calling notice and agenda to all members with the required 14 days notice.

At the A.G.M the following Officers and members will be standing down – Michael Selway, Gareth Looker, and Sharon Harrison. Grateful thanks go to each of them for their contribution to the smooth running of the Society.

Elena Gente will stand for election as Treasurer. At this time there is no candidate for the post of Publicity Officer – Natalie Beresford had offered to stand but her workload has caused her to withdraw. This is an extremely vital role and you are asked if you have the skills and enthusiasm to participate in all or part of this role. We cannot leave the office unfilled. Jane Read retired earlier in the year as Concert Manager when she moved to Jersey. Barbara Maw has been standing in and will offer herself for election.

At least 2 other members are sought to serve on the Committee and you are asked to contact me (Roy) or Trevor, the General Secretary, if you would like to be a part of this organising body and help shape our future activities.

Rehearsals

It is apparent that some members are finding the Elgar works to be a little difficult. Rebecca will do her best to teach you the 2 works, but it is important that you help yourselves. To spend 2 hours a week in learning the works is insufficient and further study is required. You can purchase a CD of your voice part to assist in your understanding of the work. Choraline will send you a disc for a modest sum - <http://www.choraline.com/store> Gavin has placed upon our website a link so that you can listen to The Spirit of England via YouTube, just press - www.rtwcs.org.uk/members/notices.html#rehearsals. Amazon will sell you a copy of the Music Makers CD for as little as £1.87!

It is obviously important that you attend all of the rehearsals. There will be an additional one on Friday, 9th November – put it in your diaries.

The girls seem to think that they are better than the chaps when learning the work – can that be so Gentlemen?

To have only 4 tenors is something that needs attention. Do you know anybody that might want to sing tenor with us, in another choir or an acquaintance??? One thought is that we ask some altos to change over to assist the tenors - what do you think? Prepared to volunteer for that??

Should bad weather or some other event cause disruption to travel and to our rehearsals then the website will identify this situation and advise you. If in any doubt at any time and you need information you can be sure that the website will be kept up to date. This is the

easiest and quickest way to you reach you all. Apologies to anybody who does not have an on-line facility, you should telephone your respective Line Representative. It has been suggested that rehearsals commence at 8.00 p.m. to give commuters a chance to get home and then attend our meeting. This could help us in recruiting younger members. Your views and feedback on this radical change would be appreciated.

Ticket Sales

Tickets for the November concert are available from Sharon Harrison at rehearsals until 8th October and all members are urged to support the Society by ensuring that they sell some (at least 4 is recommended). The tickets will then pass to the Box Office of the Assembly Hall for sale.

Tickets for the April 2012 Beethoven concert are already on sale at the Box Office and I am told that not many remain! If you want any you might want to do something about it while you can. The RTWCS will not be selling tickets, as it is a RTWSO event, but we hope to get a few for our use/sale.

Carols

We have been asked again by the Hotel du Vin to sing carols on Christmas Eve. This event was much enjoyed in previous years, a lovely festive occasion with refreshments and we will soon be seeking names of volunteers.

Our traditional visit to Halliwell and Russet Holt nursing homes will also take place on the 17th December.

Social Events

It is proposed to have a New Year's Dinner event in January. The Hotel du Vin experience last January was well received. Further information on this will follow.

To arrange more social activities we feel that a Social Secretary is needed to organise and arrange suitable events. Is this of interest to any one of you?? Please contact the Chairman.

I hope that you are enjoying the rehearsals with Rebecca. Comments and feedback always welcome.

Best wishes from

Roy Dunstall – Chairman.