

SUSSEX CHORUS NEWSLETTER JULY 22nd 2008

SUSSEX CHORUS REHEARSALS SEPTEMBER 2008 – JULY 2009

Rehearsals at St. Paul's Catholic College, Jane Murray Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex
RH15 8GA from 7.30 – 9.45 pm

2008

Monday 8th September AGM and rehearsal.

Mondays, 15th, 22nd, 29th September

Mondays, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th October

Mondays, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November

Mondays, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December

2009

Mondays, 12th, 19th, 26th January

Mondays, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd February

Mondays, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

Mondays, 20th, 27th April

Mondays, 11th, 18th May

Mondays, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th June

Concerts and rehearsals:-

Saturday, 15th November 2008 St. Bartholomew's Church, Brighton.

Rehearsal 2.30 pm Concert 7.30 pm

Saturday, 20th December 2008 The Triangle, Burgess Hill.

Rehearsal 2.30 pm Concert 7.30 pm

Saturday, 7th February 2009 Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton.

Choral Masterclass 10.00 – 6.00 pm

Sunday, 29th March 2009 Lancing College Chapel

Rehearsal 2.30 pm Concert 7.30 pm

Sunday, 7th June 2009 St. Paul's College.

Rehearsal 2.00 pm Concert 6.00 pm Supper interval approx. 7.15 – 8.15 pm

Sunday 5th July 2009 Worth Abbey Church

Rehearsal 2.30 pm Concert 7.30 pm

CONCERTS NEXT SEASON Details of all next season's concerts will be shown in the brochure (2008/9) and this will be posted to you, together with the Annual Report, during the last week in August. The full details of next season's concerts will shortly be available for you to see on our choir website : www.sussexchorus.org

VISIT TO BRUGES The choir members who sang in Bruges last Friday and Sunday had a very enjoyable visit to the city. We gave a concert in the Church of Our Lady on 18th July and sang at a Mass, followed by a short concert in another church, the Gilleskerk, on Sunday, 20th July. More than twenty of us went on Saturday, 19th July, to visit several of the cemeteries containing the war graves at Ypres and Passchendaele. We drove through the Menin Gate and spent some time in the 'In Flanders' Fields' Museum. Other people hired bicycles and cycled around Bruges, while others visited Ghent.

POSSIBLE VISIT TO VENICE 2009 At our last committee meeting Neil Jenkins suggested that we consider singing in Venice next year. Before any plans can be made, it obviously is necessary to see what the interest from choir members might be in such a visit and so I am putting forward the following suggestions:

Some people may like just to go to Venice for two or three nights, taking part in a couple of performances and then returning home, whilst others might prefer to extend a short visit to Venice, by following this with a holiday elsewhere in Italy. I know that several people who enjoy choir visits abroad treat it as their holiday and certainly the extended visit last year, when we visited Estonia and the majority of us went to St. Petersburg, was very successful. Last year the majority of us had a 10 day holiday, including the two concerts on Estonia, and a visit to Italy could be either 2 or 3 days in Venice, then returning home, or either 2 or 3 days in Venice plus extra days elsewhere.

In order to have some idea of the level of interest, it will be helpful if you can complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to me as soon as you can; either by post or email to secretary@sussexchorus.org

Neil has suggested the following dates:-

Sometime in the: 1) week of May 4th 2) week of May 25th 3) week of July 13th 4) week of September 7th The two suggested weeks in May include Bank holiday weekends. A number of places in Italy have been suggested for an extended holiday including the Italian Lakes, or Florence or a coastal resort. The only week that coincides with school holidays will be the week beginning Monday 25th May. The temperature in Venice in July will be very hot, but there are likely to be many tourists so the audience for concerts may very well be greater than that at other times of the year. I've just checked the Easyjet website and see that it is possible to fly to Venice from Gatwick in September 2008 for £51 return, including taxes.

NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE If you wish to become a member of the Sussex Chorus committee, I need to receive a nomination form from you on or before 18th August. It also will be helpful to have notification of anything you want to raise at the AGM in advance of the meeting. We hope that the AGM will be a short one so that we can spend the major part of the evening singing.

ANNUAL REPORT Please read this in advance of the AGM as there will not be verbal reports from the Chairman, Musical Director or Treasurer as the reports will be included in the annual report. It will also be helpful if a copy of people can come to my house sometime during the last week in August to help to label and stamp all the envelopes. The actual date will depend on when the printing is complete.

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS Margaret Rea will have the music you ordered available on 8th September. Please have your money ready to pay for it. She has had a great deal of difficulty collecting back all the hired copies of The Dream of Gerontius, two copies were returned last week and she is still trying to retrieve copies from two other people. If you hire copies of any music it is essential that it is returned immediately after a concert.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for next season should be paid to our Subscription Secretary, Norman Rigby. This is £110 for the whole season. Anyone who has difficulty paying should speak, in confidence, to Andrew Fox, our Treasurer.

Rosemary Pardey. Hon. Secretary.

PLEASE TICK

Name.....

I am not interested in taking part in a visit in 2009 to Venice.

I am interested in taking part in 2009 a visit to Venice.

I am interested in extending the visit to another part of Italy:

Florence Italian Lakes Coastal resort Other (please suggest)

I am interested in taking part in a visit in 2009 to Venice only.

3 days 1 week 10 days longer

Weeks that I would consider – (these dates are Mondays, so no doubt the weekend before will be included)

- 1) week of May 4th
- 2) 2) week of May 25th
- 3) 3) week of July 13th
- 4) 4) week of September 7th