

Beethoven Spectacular: Sunday April 18th at 3.00pm

Less than four weeks to go now until our next great event, so a reminder of key details:

Rehearsals

Please be sure not to miss any of the vital remaining rehearsals on:

Monday April 12th; Friday April 16th; all at St John's Hall, 7.30pm

AND April 18th: at the Assembly Hall, from 09.45am onwards.

Attendance at this final rehearsal is **compulsory**, and any absence or lateness must be authorised by our Musical Director.

The start will be 15 minutes earlier than normal, to allow us to conduct sound tests for the choir prior to being joined by the orchestra (see more details below). So members are urged to be seated and ready by 9.45am sharp

Concert dress

Dress for the Concert will be our normal formal wear:

Men: DJ or dark suit with bow tie

Ladies: Black skirt or trousers and black top: restrained jewellery

a seating plan has been finalised and your Line Representative is now able to tell you exactly where you should sit

Sound

Some members have complained in the past about the arrangement of loud-speakers at the Assembly Hall. Richard Jenkinson and I have had a meeting with the technical crew at the Assembly Hall to address these and other issues of sound and lighting. A new set-up has been agreed which is expected to give better results in a number of areas, but it will need testing, and "tweaking" if necessary, at the dress rehearsal on the day of the Concert.

If any member is not comfortable with the system on the day we would ask that they bring the matter to the attention of their Line Rep. We specifically ask that:

No-one other than our Musical Director gives directions or instructions to the Assembly Hall technical staff on the issues of sound/lighting

No-one disconnects or adjusts any of the sound equipment in the Hall.

End-of-season fish & chip supper and quiz party: Monday April 26th

As already announced, the format this year will be a Fish'n'Chip supper, along with a quiz event.

Timing: Monday April 26th at 7.30

Place: St John's Church Hall

Format: Fish and Chip supper provided.

There is now a vegetarian option, which is a vegetarian Burger'n' Chips. (Our caterer, the Downtown Fish Bar, uses only Frymax – a proprietary cooking oil comprising no animal products and only vegetable oils.)

Bring your own drinks – and/or make a donation and be served with red and white wine or soft drinks

Tea and coffee will be served after the meal

A professional Quizmaster will be running a quiz for us, in which teams of 6 will compete. Members are welcome to form their own teams before hand (with friends/other halves etc) or to be teamed with others on the night. There will be prizes for both the winning team AND for the lowest scoring team!

Raffle: Jean and Margaret have kindly agreed to organise a special raffle for the evening, and would welcome your contributions of extra prizes between now and then.

Tickets: £10 per head

Application: Application forms can be clipped from the reverse of this Newsletter and after completion should be given/sent, along with payment, as soon as possible to Trevor Hurrell (Bass)

IMPORTANT:

Please write down and remember your menu choice, to avoid any disasters on the night itself!

Volunteers

Volunteers needed please to help with:

- Preparing the hall (set out tables and chairs etc)
- Serving drinks
- Preparing and serving coffee/tea
- Tidying up and restoring the hall to normal condition after the event

All volunteers please make themselves known to Trevor Hurrell (01892 615685 OR hurrellt@gmail.com)

Summer Sing: Saturday July 3rd:

One of our members has this to say about the central work of the programme (Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*):

"...what a toe-tapping, exhilarating piece this is – not solennelle at all. Not petite either, but the soloists do the bulk of it and there's a nice six weeks' worth for us. Rossini is quoted as describing this mass as: "the final mortal sin of my old age"!

This should be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to others who may be hesitant to sing in a full-blown choral event with orchestra – and if they can be persuaded to try us out at the Summer Concert, some of them may like it enough to become regulars.

So may we please encourage as many of you as possible to talk to friends, neighbours, family members, possible student participants...and see if they would like to join in? It's a perfect opportunity for all those armchair singers who watched Gareth Malone and thought "...hmmm... I wouldn't mind trying that"!

Details are as follows:

Time: 7.30pm

Place: St John's Church

Rehearsals: May 17th and 24th
June 7th 14th 21st 28th
and 2.30 – 5.30 on the day of the Concert
(please be in your places by 2.30 sharp)

Subscription

£30 adults - £10 juniors – plus £1 hire of music

Volunteers

As well as encouraging as many members as possible to take part, we need volunteers to help with refreshments, raffle, ushering, and ticket/programme selling on the day. Please contact Suzie Duke (soprano) if you – or friends or family members – can help in any of these areas.

A brief "heads-up" for our next season:

Monday September 6th 2010:

AGM and resumption of weekly rehearsals at St John's Church Hall

Saturday November 13th 2010

at 7.00pm: St John's Church:
Our Autumn concert in conjunction with students from TWGGS:

Britten's *St Nicolas* and *Simple Symphony*;
Handel's *Zadok the Priest*

Sunday December 12th 2010

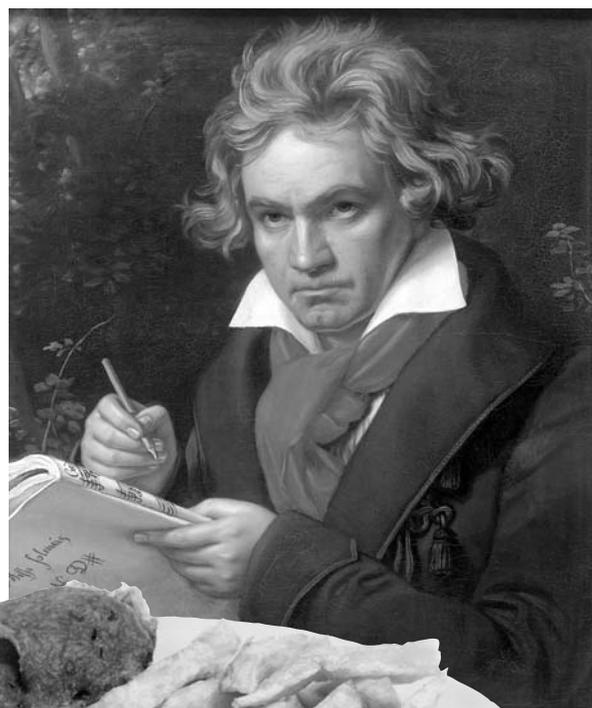
St Mary's Church Goudhurst
Our Christmas concert, with the participation of a local brass band.

Sunday April 10th 2011

The Assembly Hall:
Our Spring concert

Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*

Hmm – veggie burger or chips?



End-of-season fish & chip supper party request

Yes! I want to come to the Fish & chip supper and quiz night party!!

Please reserve spaces for _____ people (please insert number, to include you and guest{s}).

My/our supper choice is: **Cod & chips**, no. required: ____ **Plaice & chips**, no. required: ____ **Veggie Burger & chips**, no. required: ____

We will be bringing our own drinks: Yes / No (please delete as applicable).

I enclose my cheque for £10 per person, made payable to RTWCS. (Please return this form with your cheque to Trevor Hurrell, General Secretary).

Signed: _____ Print name: _____ Contact telephone: _____