



CONCERT AT SCOTNEY CASTLE



A group of choir members will perform a concert in the courtyard at this National Trust property as part of their Christmas festivities, on **Sunday December 7th**. This is being organised by Richard Jenkinson and will go ahead regardless of weather conditions! There will be a good turnout of Sops and Altos but we are still a little short of tenors and basses – please see your line reps if you can help out here, chaps.

Parking is limited so please car share wherever possible; either use the main car parks, or better still follow signs for the Regional Area Office where there is parking for about 12 cars, and it is close to our "Green Room." You will be given a Pass/Ticket to gain access to the Courtyard (and for your free mulled wine and mince pie!).

Timings: Property closes to the public 4 p.m. Please try to **arrive promptly for 5.30** – we'll check out the performing space, etc. Music 6–6.40; refreshments 6.40–7.20; music 7.20–8. Richard will provide a detailed Running Order.

Attire: We shall be standing outside so dress warmly! Concert-ish dress would be good – maybe green or red tops for ladies, and green or red bow ties for men (and/or those colours for hats, scarves and gloves) plus hip flask for inner warmth! Singers should arrange to pair up so that one can hold the music and the other a lantern / torch (no naked flames please) and umbrella.

An extra rehearsal is being arranged on Wednesday evening of this week – hopefully details of time and venue will be revealed at tonight's rehearsal.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

This will be held at **St Barnabas Church**, Stanley Road (off Camden Road). The performance starts at **7.00pm** and, as well as the choir's contributions and audience carols, will include two pieces from our tenor soloist and an organ piece played by our Musical Director. To augment our singing of the Navidad a baritone soloist will respond to the tenor and we will be accompanied by an acoustic guitar, a bass guitar and a percussionist. Anthony Zerpa-Falcon will be playing an electronic keyboard / harpsichord and organ. Tickets will be sold in advance by Michael at tonight's and next week's rehearsals and at the door on the night.

The rehearsal will be held from 4.00 to 6.00pm, with seating starting at 3.35pm. A working party will start getting the church ready at 2.30pm – thanks in advance to those of you who have volunteered to postpone your Christmas shopping to help out.

Parking at the church is very limited as there is a church function in the church hall running concurrently so please car share as much as you can and leave enough time to find side street parking. We have been given access to the rear car park accessed by taking Stanley Rd and then 1st right and right again into the rear car park. Due to the shortage of spaces we will be having to double and triple park, so please think carefully if you need to leave before the end of the concert about using this car park.

Magali Nicole is organising the seating and will be working with line reps to ensure this goes smoothly again. Tea and biscuits will be provided after the rehearsal in the church hall but you may wish to bring some additional food to sustain you. After the concert there will be refreshments for choir and audience to include wine and mince pies.

Attire (changing room is limited)

Ladies: Christmas red tops full / three quarter length sleeves with black trousers or long skirts.

Men: DJ, white shirt and black or red bow ties for the men.

GAROL SINGING AT ROSSET HOLT AND HALLIWELL

Helen MacNab is organising this event in place of a Monday night rehearsal on **15th December**. These homes are close to each other in the Pembury Road / Kingswood Road area of Tunbridge Wells and participants will enjoy wine and mince pies as a reward for their labours as well as bringing Christmas cheer to the residents.

FUND RAISING EVENT A SUCCESS!

The RTWCS table at the indoor boot fair held at King Charles the Martyr Church Hall on Saturday 15th November, and the subsequent sale of CDs DVDs and books at the Monday rehearsal raised a magnificent £120. Many thanks to Ann Greenfield and Muriel Thatcher for organising this, to the stalwart band of helpers manning the stall on the day itself and of course to all of you who baked cakes and contributed items to sell.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009 . . .

Rehearsals for Bach's St John Passion start on **Monday 5th January** at our usual venue of St John's Church Centre. If you know of anyone who might be interested in singing with us please bring them along.

We shall be using the old Novello score, which will be available from our librarian Clive Brock for a small charge, and we will be singing in English.

The performance will be at the Assembly Hall on **Sunday 29th March** (Easter Sunday is 12th April 2009).

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 10th January 2009

If you haven't already booked your place at this event please see Malcolm Beresford for an information sheet. It takes place in a function room at the High Rocks and should be a most enjoyable evening and one of our few opportunities to socialise outside rehearsals.

FINAL WORDS

On behalf of your Chairman, Officers and Committee I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and hope that you will be singing with us with renewed energy in the New Year.



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