

A Happy New Year to you all from the Committee!

2008 in retrospect

2008 was a very good year for the Choral Society with the crowning glory being our joint performance of Verdi's *Requiem* with East Grinstead Choral Society to a nearly full Assembly Hall Theatre in November. Thanks to our Musical Director Richard Jenkinson for helping us to achieve a consistently high musical standard in all our performances throughout the year. Thanks also to our rehearsal pianist Anthony Zerpa-Falcon

Many thanks too to all our members who worked hard behind the scenes shifting chairs, arranging seating, providing refreshments, raising money, handing out concert fliers etc. And finally to our line reps for the active part they have taken in generating enthusiasm among their voice parts and ensuring concert numbers were accurate.

And so to 2009...

Subs

A gentle reminder to those of you who pay your subscription in two instalments that the second payment is due now. Please see our treasurer Michael Selway.

Dinner

The first item to note is our **New Year Dinner** which takes place on Saturday 1st January at **The Bell Room, High Rocks**, High Rocks Lane, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9JJ starting at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Those attending have already made their meal choices. Please let Malcolm Beresford know if you would like to sit with any particular people.

Rehearsals for Bach's St John Passion

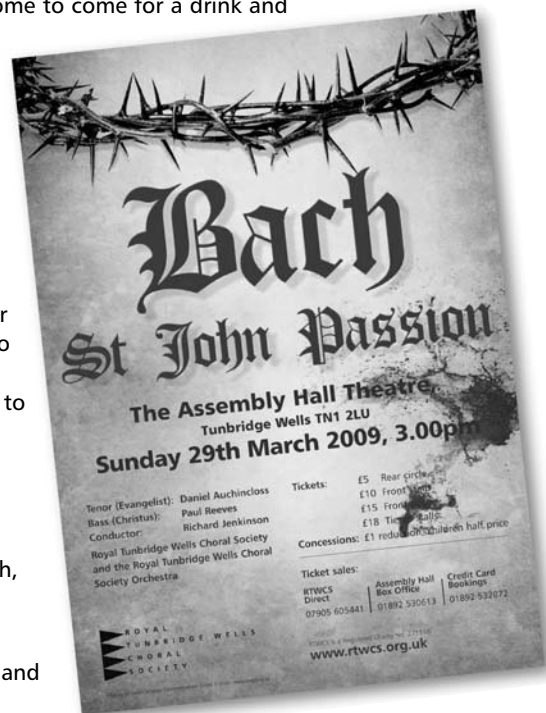
These start tonight and run from 7.30 to 9.30pm until Monday 23rd March. Those wishing to socialise after the rehearsal are welcome to come for a drink and a chat at the Mount Edgumbe pub off Mount Ephraim.

The performance is on Sunday 29th March. (Easter Sunday is 12th April) We shall be singing in English using the Old Novello score and copies can be hired from our librarian Clive Brock as usual. Rehearsal recordings of the individual voice parts can be purchased from ChoraLine – www.musicdynamics.com or phone 01242 679379. Please continue to turn up promptly armed with pencils to mark your scores and minimise chatting to neighbours to maximise rehearsal time.

Summer Sing 2009

Rehearsals start on Monday 11th May, probably at Vale Royal Methodist Church, and the concert will be on Saturday 4th July.

The music will have an American theme and the idea behind this production is to rehearse in a less formal atmosphere than that of the rest of our annual programme. If you have any friends who would like to sample singing with the RTWCS this is a good opportunity to invite them along to join in. Details of the subscription due will be published later.



Autumn 2009

The AGM and first rehearsal for the new 2009/10 season takes place on Monday 7th September and we will be working on Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass* and Britten's *Hymn to St Cecilia* with the date of the concert still to be finalised. Depending on the date chosen we may be able to fit in a Christmas Concert in December 2009.

And finally...

Don't forget that all of the above information and more can be found on our website www.rtwcs.org.uk which our website coordinator Gavin Grant keeps up to date. Please let him know if you have any items which you wish to be included.

