

Newsletter, January 2014.

To All Members

A Happy and Successful New year to You All

That must have been the busiest December in our history - - -

Carols at John Lewis (twice) to repay their sponsorship of us.

Carols in the High Street

Carols at the 2 Nursing Homes, Halliwell and Rosset Holt

Carols at Hotel du Vin, again to repay their sponsorship.

And a very successful concert at Goudhurst on the 14th December

Thanks to all of you who supported these activities, which I hope you found to be enjoyable and satisfying. Thanks also to the Committee who organised them.

So let us look at all of the interesting and exciting happenings for the second half of the season - - -

1. The New Year's Dinner

You have previously been advised of this event, which is to be held on Saturday 25th January at Woods Restaurant in The Pantiles at 7.00 for 7.30p.m.

The 6th January is the last day for booking your place so you must tell Elena Lewis-Grey NOW if you want to attend, and give her your cheque.

A booking form and menu is at the foot of this newsletter.

2. Argo

On the 7th February Martin Williams, one of our basses, is giving a lecture on his personal experiences in Iran during the troubled times of the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

Iran is still in the news, 30 years later.

This will be at St John's Church, Grosvenor Room, at 7.30 p.m. Flyers are available now to provide you with additional information and you are urged to attend this interesting presentation. The event is open to the general public, so please spread the word and the flyers.

A bar will be available to enhance your pleasure.

Tickets are now on sale, £10 each, and there is a limit of 150 for this event, so do not delay and bring your family and friends.

3. Burfields/St. James Place Lunch

You are aware that Burfields House, based in Goudhurst, has become our principal supporter.

Some of you had the opportunity of briefly meeting with them at a recent rehearsal, whilst a number of our choir members have been clients of Burfields House for many years and already benefit from their unique and personal approach to financial planning.

As part of their continued support to our Society, the partners at Burfields House wish to invite you to a complimentary event and lunch (including wine!) to introduce themselves to you and give you the opportunity to get to know them better.

Below you can find an invitation to the event, which will be held at the Hotel de Vin on Thursday 6th February 2014, to which all are welcome without obligation of any kind. If you wish to attend, please respond direct to Susan Cole at Burfields House, or you can advise the Chairman of the Society (Roy).

4. Spring Concert

Saturday 15th March 2014 at 7.30 pm

"If Music be the Food of Love"

Informal concert at Holmewood House in celebration of the 450th Anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

With Anthony Zerpa-Falcon and Jong-Gyung Park (piano) -

Programme to include Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes.

Tickets will be on sale in January.

The theatre at Holmewood House accommodates 300 people in the audience. It is a modern and cosy venue with good facilities. We do not have the facility of a Box Office, as at Assembly Hall, so the ticket sales will be dependent of the activity of the members. Please ensure that you make this concert a success.

5. Recital by Anthony Zerpa-Falcon

On Monday, 14th April Anthony has kindly agreed to give a recital of piano music as a fund raising event, to be held in St John's Church, Tunbridge Wells.

The programme will include works by Scarlatti, Albeniz, Beethoven and Liszt, so there should be something there for everybody.

The entry will be £10 each, unreserved seating and all members and their family/friends are invited to attend to support our brilliant accompanist.

No rehearsal will be held on this day.

6. May Concert

Saturday, 10th May we will perform a programme of Opera Choruses at the Assembly Hall Theatre. The last time we performed a programme in this style it was very well received and we hope to repeat the success. TWO professional soloists from the Royal Opera House have been engaged to ensure that we give a first-class concert to our audience.

Some Domestic Matters

Thank you to the members who assisted on setting up and clearing the church at Goudhurst for the Concert on 14th December, and for assisting with the provision and serving of the tea.

If you only paid half of your subscription at the beginning of the Season then the remainder is due **NOW**. Please give your cheque to Elena Gente without delay. If you do delay the process it makes a lot of additional work.

Should you have not completed a Gift Aid form please ask for one. It is a great assistance to the Society without costing you any extra.

Rebecca will be unable to be with us for 2 rehearsals in January due to her workload and has arranged for Matthew Watts to stand in. He has helped before and was well received by you all.

Please put into your shiny new diaries the dates for all of the above events. Take particular note that the next 2 concerts are both on **Saturdays**. Some of you seemed to be taken by surprise when you found that the Goudhurst concert was on a Saturday, which did not suit your arrangements.

You will have seen that we are far busier on social events, and are able to offer more professional presentations to our audiences. This is partly due to the sponsorship that we have been able to acquire this season, with the help of several of the members, which increases the finances that we are able to expend on our activities. I hope that you will enjoy the higher profile and increased level of activity. Particular thanks to Rebecca for assisting us in securing Chloe Hanslip for our November concert, which increased our audience support and made it into a very successful occasion.

Many of you assisted the Society by carrying out fund-raising in the first half of the season, with substantial funds being added to our reserves. We continue with this initiative – Muriel Thatcher is running a book-stall and the raffle is a weekly event, thanks to Jean. We now need to look to other Members to contribute to finding more, new activities/events to support your Society, as well as supporting the fund-raising events arranged by your Committee, as detailed above.

A full Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd January at 7.00 p.m. in Vale Royal Church committee rooms. An agenda will follow.

Thank you for continuing support. Enjoy your singing.

Roy Dunstall - Chairman



ST. JAMES'S PLACE
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Burfields House cordially invites you to a special seminar on financial planning followed by a complimentary lunch exclusively for the Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society members

At
Hotel du Vin,
Crescent Rd, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2LY

On
Thursday 6 February 2014

The seminar will explore the many options that still exist to help you plan ahead with confidence in these taxing times – topics covered will include:

- How to manage your money tax-efficiently & beat inflation
 - The practical alternatives to keeping cash on deposit
 - How to make the most of your annual tax breaks
- The proven ways to reduce the damaging impact of Inheritance Tax
 - How to overcome the rising costs of long term care

Morning Coffee 10.00am - Seminar Commences 10.15am - Lunch 1.30PM

To reserve your place (s), please contact Susan Cole by Thursday 30 January 2014 on susan.cole@sjpp.co.uk or call 01580 211211

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RTW CHORAL SOCIETY DINNER

Saturday 25th January, 2014

7 for 7.30 pm

Name of Member:.....

Partner/guest[s]:.....

Please enclose cheque for £25 per person:

TOTAL £.....

Please indicate below your party's menu choices [give total numbers of each choice of starter/main/desert].

If you wish to share the same table with specific member[s]/guest[s] please state their name[s] here. Each table can seat up to 8 people.

Names:.....

Starters

No. required

Carrot & Coriander Soup

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Duck Liver & Armagnac Paté with Toast & Red Onion Marmalade

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Mains

Chicken Breast on Crushed New Potatoes with Mushroom Sauce

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OR

Fish Pie

Smoked Haddock, Salmon & Prawns in a creamy Dill Sauce

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OR

Lamb & Apricot Pie

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With Onion & Mint Gravy

OR

Rosemary roasted Butternut Squash Risotto with Truffle Oil

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Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Vanilla Custard

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Dark Chocolate Fondant with Pistachio Ice Cream

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Selection of Ice Creams & Sorbets

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