

Concert on Saturday 24th March – Procession of Palms and The Crucifixion: Information for choir

Final Rehearsal: 2pm at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst

Performance: 3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst

Refreshments: Light refreshments in the Church Room, Goudhurst
(Cup of tea, sandwiches, cake)

Brief Rehearsal: 6pm at Vale Royal

Performance: 7pm at Vale Royal Methodist Church, Tunbridge Wells

Dress: Men – Dinner Jacket or Dark Suit, white shirt with black bow tie.
Black socks and shoes

Ladies – Long black skirt or black trousers and long- or
mid-sleeved black top. Black shoes.

Please note: Space for changing at Goudhurst is very limited. We are using the Church Room NOT the Village Hall. Please come ready dressed for the concert if you possibly can.

Fund-raising

Our expenses in May are bound to be large. To help cover them we plan to do some additional fund-raising. We would like to upgrade the raffle, which already produces a considerable sum. Many of you support it already. To those who don't, please begin to support it now, both by donating imaginative prizes and by buying tickets on a regular basis. Thank you.

There will be a special mega pre-Easter raffle on April 2nd.

Coffee Mornings and/or Evenings are another good way of raising a little money as well as getting to know fellow singers. If you can hold one in your home please pick a date and let Olivia or Helen know.

Richard Jenkinson has very kindly offered to give an "Informal Concert of Popular Organ Music" to help boost funds. He promises it will be "fun and highly entertaining"!

Venue: Vale Royal Methodist Church

Date: Saturday April 21st 2007 at 7.30pm

If you have any other sure-fire ideas please tell us.

Recent events

Civic Concert – November 2006

This was a successful, well-supported concert, and you can read Roger Evernden's review on our website www.rtwcs.org.uk.

New Year's Dinner – January 2007

Those of you who came to the Dinner at the Royal Wells Inn will know what a very enjoyable evening it was, with good food and company. This is an annual event and we hope that even more people, especially our newer members, will want to come next year.

The Kingdom – Rehearsals

March 26th

April 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th

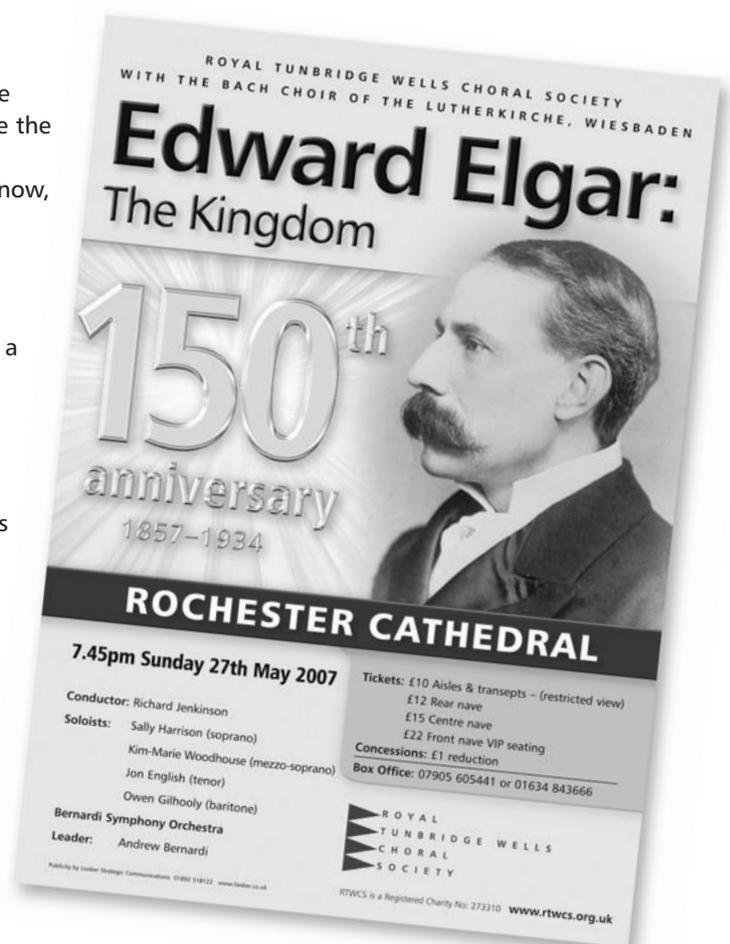
May 14th and 21st

All at St John's Church Hall

It is very important that we should all aim at maximum attendance at rehearsals so that we give the best possible performance at our prestigious concert in Rochester Cathedral on May 27th.

Calling all Volunteers

We will need a number of volunteers to help serve tea to choir members between the rehearsal and the concert, and also a number of friends or relatives to sell programmes in the Cathedral before the Concert. If you can help with either of these, please let Helen MacNab know.



Future plans

Sun May 27th 2007	Elgar: <i>The Kingdom</i> , Rochester Cathedral
Sat July 7th 2007	Summer Sing – Faure: <i>Requiem & Cantique de Jean Racine</i> , Vale Royal Methodist Church, TW
Sun Nov 18th 2007	Haydn: <i>Creation</i> , Assembly Hall, TW 100th Birthday Concert for our President, Roy Douglas.
Nov 23rd – 26th 2007	Elgar: <i>The Kingdom</i> Lutherkirche, Wiesbaden
Sun Dec 16th 2007	Carol Concert: St Mary's Church, Goudhurst
Sun April 27th 2008	Mozart: <i>Requiem</i> and Puccini <i>Messa di Gloria</i> , Assembly Hall
Sat June 28th 2008	Summer Sing – Purcell: <i>Dido and Aeneas</i> , (concert performance)
Sun Nov 9th 2008	Verdi: <i>Requiem</i> , Assembly Hall
Sun Dec 14th 2008	Carol Concert
Sun March 29th 2009	Dvorak: <i>Stabat Mater</i> , Assembly Hall
Sat June/July 2009	Summer Sing?
Sun Nov 8th 2009	Jenkins: <i>The Armed Man & A N Other Work</i> , Assembly Hall
Sun April 18th or 25th 2010	Beethoven: <i>Choral Fantasia</i> & Britten: <i>Spring Symphony</i> (Postponed from April 2008)

Future programming is not set in stone but this gives an idea of the variety of works we are hoping to perform.

Summer Sing, Saturday July 7th 2007: 'Tour de France'



Programme: Faure, *Requiem*; *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Other short French work(s) e.g.
Il est bel et bon

Venue: Vale Royal Methodist Church

Time: 7.30pm

Rehearsals: June 4rd, 11th, 18th, 25th and July 2nd
Final rehearsal on afternoon of Sat July 7th

Rehearsal Venue: Vale Royal Methodist Church

Subscription: The sub for this session will be £25

Please join up for this concert and encourage your friends and family to do so too. It's an opportunity for anyone (almost!) to come along to see how they like singing in a good choir. In addition, so far our Summer Sings have made a small profit!

If any soprano would like to be auditioned for the opportunity to sing *Pie Jesu* in the *Requiem* please have a word with Richard Jenkinson or the Secretary.

Preliminary details for *The Kingdom*, Weekend of 25th – 27th May 2007

Friday, 25th May

German choir arrive at about 5.30 pm. We will meet them at Somerhill Schools, Tonbridge and provide them with a buffet meal. This is a beautiful Jacobean mansion, second only to Knole in size, and has its own ghost! It is a lovely place to entertain our guests. A full rehearsal will take place there from 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm (approx.)

All choir members are requested to attend.

Saturday, 26th May

A visit to Hever Castle and garden is planned. All members are invited to attend, particularly the hosts of the German choir members. The entry fee will be paid by the Society for both RTWCS members and the German visitors.

Full details of the various attractions and facilities will be provided to you nearer the time. Lunch facilities are available at Hever or you can take a picnic.

The rest of the day is free.

Sunday, 27th May

A full rehearsal commences at Rochester Cathedral at 4.30 pm (sharp).

If you are a host you may find that your visitors would like to visit the Medway area earlier than this, but unless you are attending the Choral Evensong service at 3.15 then the Cathedral will not be open to you until after 4.00 pm.

For those not wishing to travel by car to Rochester a coach will be made available at a cost of £10 per person.

If you require this you must advise Helen MacNab on the attachment below.

Car parking is available within walking distance of the Cathedral.

A cup of tea will be made available for everybody in the Crypt at 6.45 pm

Changing facilities are also available in the Crypt but these are limited and you should wear your concert dress to the Cathedral, if this is practicable.

The concert will commence at 7.45 pm and proceed for about 2 hours, with a short interval. The Cathedral is a magnificent building with wonderful acoustics, so do encourage your families and friends to get together and drive over for the concert!

You should be away from Rochester by about 10.00 pm, either on the coach or by your own transport.

Monday, 28th May

The visitors will rejoin their transport and depart early in the morning.

General Note

These details are preliminary and will be confirmed nearer the date.

Helpers will be required for the catering and clearing up on the Friday evening.

Fund raising will be necessary to defray the costs of the entertaining.



Coach seat reservation form

I require transport to Rochester Cathedral by coach on the 27th May. My cheque for £10 is attached.

Signed _____

(Print Name) _____

(Timings and pick-up point will be notified nearer the date.)



Travel To Wiesbaden – November 2007

The response from you all for the repeat of *The Kingdom* at Wiesbaden in November has been good. Thank you for that. The various options on travelling have been investigated. Surprisingly there is little difference in journey duration for whichever form of transport we take. Flying should be the quickest, but the waiting around and the transfers at each end extend the day.

Rail involves 2 changes and takes all day, so the eventual choice has been to use a coach, travelling under the Channel by The Shuttle. This has the advantage of keeping us all together.

47 members have indicated that they wish to travel on the £50 offer, and 9 partners/wife's wish to accompany them. In addition others are travelling independently. A party of 56 is a problem, as a normal bus seats 51. A larger double-deck bus is also available to us, but at extra cost.

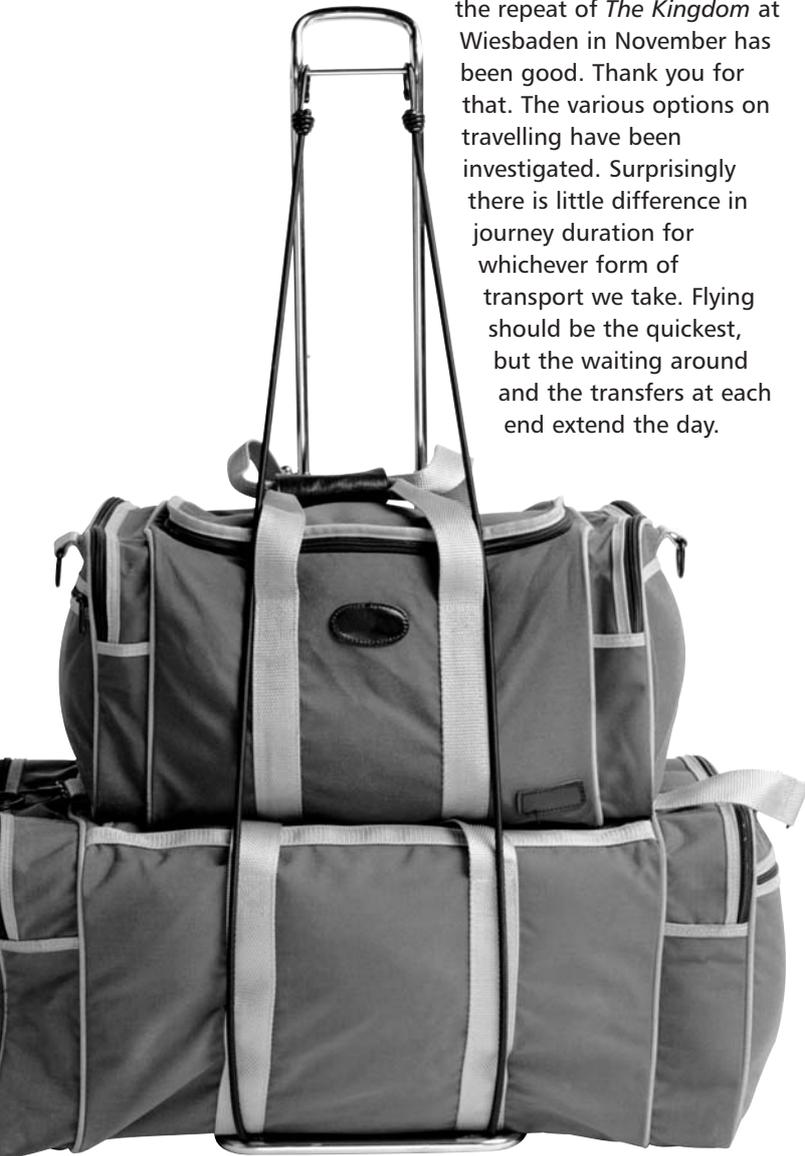
The fare for partners can now be fixed and is £70. Your payment is requested to secure a place.

The coach company have assured me that there will be 2 rest stops after Calais, and that we will arrive by 18.00.

A few of you responded in January by qualifying your method of travel, i.e. not flying/coach/boat, etc. I hope that the coach will please you, but if you did state "no coach" then I will respect your wishes and refund your payment, although I hope not to lose anybody.

Alternatively the decision to travel by coach may encourage any who wavered and did not commit themselves to travelling to Germany. If this is so, and you now want to come, please contact Helen MacNab (01892 526434) without delay, who may be able to give you a place if there are some cancellations.

Roy Dunstall, Chairman



Please complete and return the form overleaf to Helen MacNab to reserve your coach seat to the concert in Rochester Cathedral

