



## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2014

I hope you have had a relaxing summer break and are ready to resume regular Tuesday evening rehearsals. Remember we start on **Tuesday 2 September at 7.00pm.**, despite most schools still being on holiday. All the rehearsals for the Mozart will take place on the balcony of the main hall and in double choir formation.

Unfortunately neither Darius nor Nigel can be with us for that first rehearsal but every cloud has a silver lining - Darius has arranged for our lovely Dan Gordon to help out. For the benefit of newer Members Dan was our very talented but self-effacing accompanist for a number of years and it will be a pleasure to welcome him on the 2nd.

### Diary Dates

Saturday 18 October - All day rehearsal at KES. Exact time TBA.

7 November - Mozart Mass in C Minor, Sheffield City Hall

29 November - Carols at Kelham Island

4 December - Carols at Sheffield Rail Station - for St. Luke's Hospice

13 December - Carol Concerts, Sheffield City Hall. Again, two concerts.

14 December - St. Luke's Carol Service, Sheffield Cathedral. NB New time : 2.00pm

19 December - Carols at Sheffield Rail Station - for Heart Research UK

18 April 2015 - Self-promoted concert, Sheffield City Hall. Programme TBA.

6 May - Rehearsal for Beethoven, The Sage, Gateshead

17 May - Beethoven 9, Sheffield City Hall

In addition to the above confirmed dates there will also be the usual concert and get-together in Tickhill. I think the date might well be Thursday 18 December.

I say the following every year for the benefit of newer Members who may not have done a Christmas season with us : The Tickhill concert is open to all Members and is not the exclusive right of those who have done it for countless years and who wouldn't miss it for anything! The Church is always cold but the welcome is very warm. Rachel is at the helm in the music department (the pieces are usually taken from the City Hall concerts - so nothing tricky) and my nearby home is open afterwards for partying til whenever.

We have been invited in the past to sing carols at the Weston Park Museum and this, too, has become a regular. Date TBA.

New this year : Carols at Astrum House, Rotherham. This is the nursing home where my Jeff now resides and I have volunteered us to sing carols in the hall there. It will be a Monday afternoon in December and when I have firm details I will let you know.

## **Post Christmas Event**

In January 2015 it is hoped that we will make a commercial recording of mainly local Christmas music, accompanied by the Black Dyke Band. This will probably take place over two consecutive Tuesdays instead of the regular rehearsals. More details as soon as they become available.

## **Voice Coaching**

Maggie is scheduled to be with us on the following dates :  
9 and 30 September, 14 October and 18 November.

If you wish to go on John's 'reserves list' for a 15 minute personal voice coaching session with Maggie then do let him know by email. Many people have found these beneficial. There is no charge.

## **Workshops**

The next session of Sight Reading Workshops with Chris Wiltshire will commence early in the season. This batch is for the 'Bass Cleffers' and Paul Maddox is co-ordinating the sessions so do contact him if you feel you would benefit.

## **AGM**

This is scheduled for 11 November 2014.  
I will have nomination papers available from 7 October.

## **Vacancies**

We STILL have a vacancy for a **Marketing and Publicity Officer**. As stated previously, this is a post which could easily be subdivided between volunteers whose strengths might be diverse, or whose time might be limited.  
Please do give it some thought as it is an important job.

Paul Maddox is standing down as **Education and Outreach Officer**. He has made a valuable contribution to the Phil and the workshops he has set up have been helpful to many new Members. Paul will be happy to chat to anyone who might be interested in taking over the reins.

## **Amazon link**

Finally with Christmas sneaking up on the horizon (sorry) please be aware that we have a link on our website to Amazon. We receive commission each time we use the link.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 2nd - which is next Tuesday!

Best wishes,

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