



VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS SEA SYMPHONY GRAND CHORUS NEWSLETTER NO. 3

We hope you are enjoying rehearsals - it would seem the notes aren't so tough...but the dynamics and tempi are tricky. Very tricky indeed. We'll need Quells and ginger biscuits on the staging at Tewkesbury, to counteract the effect of the waves we emulate!

AUDIENCE TICKETS

Probably the most important task is to SELL the concert! We need EVERYONE to make an effort. It's an easy sell - a concert of English music on a summer's day in a wonderful setting... encourage people to make a day of it... cream teas available... picnic spots all round... the bliss of the Lark Ascending... you can flog it with a clear conscience!

Secretary Julia will have a box of tickets with her at all times. You can either purchase via your liaison if you are a member of one of the partner societies, or direct from Julia if that's more convenient. The correct money, or cheque payable to Thornbury Choral Society would be appreciated.

THE SATURDAY WORKSHOP WITH NIGEL PERRIN

In case you have forgotten, this is a THREE LINE WHIP day because it is your sole opportunity to rehearse with our concert conductor, and then take back what you've learned to the final rehearsals for polishing. When we did the Verdi, singers were absolutely fizzing with enthusiasm after the workshop; as Nigel Perrin always promises, he'll work you hard, we'll have fun, we'll learn lots, and he'll send you home cream-crackered! The new venue will allow us more space, and room to enjoy our breaks - it worked a treat last year for the B Minor workshop. Don't you DARE miss it!

The timings are as follows:

From 9.30 Please arrive allowing time to settle your feathers and prepare for a prompt start.

10.00 -11.30 First Rehearsal

11.30 -11.50 Coffee break

11.50 -1.00 Second rehearsal

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 Third rehearsal

3.30 - 3.50 Tea break (with CAKE!!)

3.50 - 5.00 Fourth rehearsal

Please bring:

1. a bottle of water. (There will be cups of squash/water, but bottles are less likely to be kicked over... slip hazard... health and safety nightmares... broken hips.... aaaarrrrgghhhh)
2. your lunch.

If we have good weather, which has been ordered, you might like to bring a picnic chair/blanket so that you can sprawl on the grass at lunchtime. There are also tables/seats in a courtyard at the school.

For your convenience, herewith a repeat of the directions to the workshop venue:

Castle School, **Park Road site**, Thornbury

Beware – there are two school sites; use the exact postcode for satnavs! BS35 1HT

From the North on M5: Head South, take exit J14, turn right onto B4509, and turn left at traffic light junction onto A38 at Falfield...

From the North on A38: Proceed South to Falfield...

From Falfield, in 1.5 miles turn right onto Gloucester Road (across central reservation).

In 2.1 miles turn right into Whitfield Road.

In 276 ft keep left onto Park Road.

In 350 yds take 3rd left to stay on Park Road. School is on your right.

From the South – Bristol:

Take the A38 Gloucester Road North, direction Thornbury.

From roundabout under M5 travel 5.1 miles to traffic lights (Alveston House hotel on left, car dealership ahead) and turn left onto Thornbury Road/B4061

Continue 1.1 miles and take 1st exit at roundabout (straight on)

Continue into High Street and after .3 of a mile with Natwest on your left, keep straight on into “The Plain” and Castle Street (technically a left turn as the road continues to the right).

In another .3 of a mile, the road swings right (church ahead) into Park Road and in another .3 of a mile, the school is on your left.

Parking – some on site parking, otherwise please find a space locally, with consideration to residents. **Please car-share wherever possible.**