



Members' Newsletter

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Welcome to all Members,

including new and returning members, to our 2016-17 Season. We had an exciting end to last season, with an exploration of the Mass in the jazz style, and a wonderful retrospective evening to mark our 75th birthday – with no less than three past and present conductors to put us through our paces. So now let's look forward.

Our first Monday evening rehearsal is 12th September (not the 5th). Looming large is Elgar's Gerontius in the Cathedral on 12th November. ***Rehearsal dates for this, together with many other important dates, are on the Rehearsal calendar which comes to you at the end of this Newsletter.*** You will remember David Worsfold when he visited our rehearsal saying that this concert is expensive, as it includes a large orchestra. There will be a **Quiz evening** to raise funds in the Parish Hall on 1st October, so please get your teams together for this. David also asked for *sponsorship*, and if any individuals or groups (eg voice groups) would like to sponsor a player @ £75, I have forms for you. You could also sponsor a soloist @ £250. There is a capitation charge for this concert, payable by 26th September, please, which is £10 per head, to which £5 per head will be added from Society funds. I will display the list of those saying they intend to take part. If there are any changes or additions please let me know before 26th September.

By popular request, our **Have A Go Evening** will return on Saturday 26th November in Shenfield Parish Hall. . This is a money raising event for Society Funds. Last year it uncovered an amazing array of talent and was an uproarious success. So please be brushing up your favourite party pieces.

The Cathedral is holding a **Come and Sing Messiah** on Saturday 3 December in the Cathedral. Rehearsal 2 to 5pm, performance at 7pm

Our **Christmas Concert** in Hutton Union Church is on 10th December. Jonathan is constructing the programme.

We are planning a concert with Ingatestone Choral Society on 11th March. Both the programme and the venue are yet to be confirmed.

We will also take part in the Essex Choirs Festival concert in the Drapers Academy, Harold Wood on 6th May, when the choral work will be **Brahms' German Requiem**. Rehearsals for these are listed on the calendar, but the venues are to be confirmed.

On a more mundane but important matter, the **Coffee Rota** for the coming term is sent to you now on a separate e-mail. Please check it without delay.

We are pleased that two of the jobs which Maureen Stone did have now been taken on by Fran Rumball (ticket sales), and Jill Davis (Gift Aid Applications). We are still seeking a representative to liaise with the Essex Choirs Festival (see above) and the Performing Rights and Making Music. These are interesting but not too onerous responsibilities, and we will be glad to receive offers to do them.

As you know, Robin will step down as **Secretary** next Easter. He can confirm that this is a more than interesting and rewarding job, and the Committee will be glad to receive enquiries from members considering taking on this office.

So we look forward to meeting you all again, on Monday evening 12th September.

With best wishes

David, Liz, Robin

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Brentwood Choral Society
Rehearsal Dates, Season 2016-17

In School Music Room

On Mondays at 7.30-9.30pm,
except as marked

Autumn 2016

Sept 12

Sept 19

Sept 26 Joint Rehearsal in Cathedral
Sat 1st Oct, Quiz for Gerontius

Oct 3

Oct 10

Oct 17

Tues 18 Joint rehearsal in Cathedral

Oct 24 alternative venue

Oct 31 alternative venue

Nov 7

Wed 9 Joint rehearsal in Cathedral

Sat 12 Nov: Gerontius in Cathedral

Nov 14

Nov 21

Sat 26 Haveago evening Shenfield

Nov 28

Dec 5

Sat 10: Christmas Concert

Dec 12

Spring 2017

Jan 9

Jan 16

Jan 23

Jan 30

Feb 6

Feb 13 alternative venue

Feb 20

Thurs 25 Brahms Rehearsal

Feb 27

Mar 6

Sat 11 Lenten Concert

Mar 13

Mar 20

(Easter Day 16 April)

Summer 2017

Sat 22 Brahms Rehearsal

April 24

May 1 BH No rehearsal

6th ECF Concert Brahms Requiem

May 8

May 15

May 22

May 29 BH No rehearsal

June 5

June 12

June 19

June 26

Calendar as at 1.8.16. Watch for changes

July 3