



# Members' Newsletter

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### **Welcome back after the Easter break**

Our first Monday evening rehearsal is next Monday 24th April. This will be a short term missing two Bank Holiday Mondays and finishing on Monday 26th June when we hope to have an informal summer gathering - details to be confirmed.

Our Concert this term is 'Another Night at the Opera' - a Selection of Well-known Songs and Choruses from the great Opera Masters. This will feature some guest soloists and we need to publicise well to ensure a good audience. The poster is attached - please circulate and do your best to get your friends and family to come along.

Details for the Autumn term are yet to be finalised but dates to keep free are Saturday 28th October when we have been invited to sing at the Cathedral for an Anniversary concert, details to be confirmed, and Saturday 9th December for our own Christmas Concert. In addition Ingatestone CS have asked if our members would join a Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, performance of Andrew Wright's Requiem.

Now to choir housekeeping! I am indebted to Theresa who kept the coffee flowing during my long absence in the Spring. The new Coffee Rota is with this Newsletter. Please, if you cannot do your date, can you swap with another member. All tea, coffee, biscuits and milk will be provided, but odd packets of biscuits from members are appreciated.

Next the Committee want to raise our internet profile. BCS is on FaceBook and Twitter.

Please support our online efforts:

- by setting yourself up with a Facebook or Twitter account and following @ChoralBrentwood ( there is lots of other stuff out there to "follow" too)
- by helping provide "content". Each tweet contains only 140 characters and that includes spaces. So only short comments are needed. What are you looking forward to about the next concert? How do you feel about the music/what does it make you feel? Have you any snippets of info about the composer or famous people who have sung this music? Any relevant jokes? etc etc. Every tweet is attributed to BCS. Your name won't be mentioned ( unless you want it to be!). The aim is to share the thoughts and feelings of our choir and reach out to a wider audience who might eventually be interested in joining us. They at least will know about BCS! Siobhan has put our twitter account on the front page of the BCS website.

(<http://www.brentwoodchoralsociety.org>. So if you really can't face a twitter account, you can see what is being said there.

- by providing photos. We still don't have a reliable source for quality photos of our concerts. We use these on the website and on Facebook. They provide a glimpse of what we are doing for potential members and help keep those who are taking a break from singing to keep in touch with BCS. If you know of anyone who regularly attends our concerts and takes good photos, Siobhan would be very interested in talking to them. Also if any of your family/friends happen to take any good photos ( even if it is just your section of the choir), copies would be much appreciated.
- And last but not least, if there is any member who is able to help Siobhan and Sarah maintain the BCS online presence, or would like to learn, we would be happy to hear from them.

Last, but by no means least, we still seek a Secretary to take the reins from Robin. He is available to assist for another couple of months but after that he'll be relocated in the West Country. Siobhan, Colin and I have split the duties so far but it needs a lead person, please, please!

So we look forward to meeting you all again next Monday.

With best wishes

Liz, and from David, Siobhan and Colin

**Brentwood Choral Society**  
**Rehearsal Dates, Season 2016-17** in School Music Room  
**On Mondays at 7.30-9.30pm,**

**Summer 2017**

April 24

May 1    Bank Holiday    No rehearsal

May 8

May 15

May 22

May 29    Bank Holiday    No rehearsal

June 5

June 12

June 19

Saturday 24 June    Summer Concert

June 26 Informal Gathering (watch this space!)

*Calendar as at 19.4 2017. Watch for changes*