CARDIFF BACH CHOIR

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017

**WORKSHOP 18th November**

I can confirm that the workshop will be at the school on Saturday 18th November from 10.30 till 2pm. There will be a lunch break from 12.00- till 12.45. Tea and coffee will be available. Bring a packed lunch or if you want to go out Starbucks coffee is very near as well as coffee shops in Llanishen Village.

Please make every effort to attend the workshop.

**DECEMBER CONCERT**

Thank you for your efforts to sell tickets. We have about 25 tickets left from the 130 I had from the Hall but I can get more if needed. About 105 tickets are out but not yet all paid for. We need to sell at least another 75 to get a decent audience so keep up the good work. There are still some fliers available so if you are going to another event or concert where you might be able to give them out please take some.

The third carol Shepherds Pipe Carol is in the Orange Carols for Choirs book so if you have the book please bring your copy to rehearsal on the 31st October. We will have spare copies.

**MESSIAH PERFORMANCES**

**All Saints Mumbles (Oystermouth) on Sunday December 3rd**

**Tabernacle Morriston December 9th**

 If you intend to sing at these performances please sign the list being circulated in the appropriate box or boxes if you intend to go to both. Please also indicate if you can offer a lift. We are not arranging a bus, so you will need to make your own way there or arrange a lift with someone

The performances will start at 7pm choirs to be there by 2.00 pm if possible but certainly as soon as you can get there after 2pm. If you are going to sing but will be late for rehearsal please let Luke or a committee member know.

**Carol Singing at Holm House Wednesday December 13th 8-9pm**

We now have about 35 names which is about the maximum number the hotel can accommodate. Please speak to Paul if you have not yet put your name down and would like to sing; or if you have put your name down as a possible please confirm if you will be singing asap.

**2018 CONCERTS**

April 21st 2018 Llandaff Cathedral

After much deliberation Luke and the Committee have decided we cannot afford to sing a big Bach work such as St John in the Spring concert. Such a concert would cost us around £7000 however frugal we try to be. We recognise that selling tickets is increasingly difficult and they would have to be at around £18 again to begin to help cover costs.

We will therefore be presenting an all French Programme with organ and piano accompaniment.

Proposed programme is

* Rossini Petit Messe Solennelle
* Vierne Messe Solennelle
* Vierne Organ Solo

I know some of you will be disappointed by this, but we are planning to make our spring concert in 2019 our main concert that season when we will be able to perform the St John or possibly link with another choir for a performance of the B Minor

**AUTUMN 2018**

We are hoping that we will be able to do a memorial concert in All Saints Penarth probably including the Rutter Requiem and the Faure. I am in discussion with All Saints as they have told me the Church is planning a commemoration programme around Armistice Day so I am hoping we can sing as part of that.

This year there are two remembrance concerts and likely to be more next year so if we are able to go ahead we will have to get in with our plans very early to ensure we are first in the line

**TRIP TO ITALY 2018**

Many of you who went to Stuttgart expressed an interest in another foreign trip. Luke is very keen to take us to Rome next year. The proposed time is in Half term between October 29th to November 2nd/3rd 2018. Luke is getting some quotes. Unlike Stuttgart all the arrangements will be done by the travel company who will also arrange performance venue etc.

I will be circulating a letter with a tear off slip attached for you to sign if you are interested. At this point this is only to gauge interest but if we have a sufficient interest to proceed we will make firm arrangements with the travel company who will want a deposit and then further payments as with any other package holiday. My guess is that costs will be in the region of £500-£600.

We will only proceed if we have enough interest and a minimum number of 35 choristers with a balance of voices

Happy Singing

Diane