

THE REALLY BIG CHORUS - A REALLY GOOD SING AND GOOD TIME ALWAYS GUARANTEED !

Back in July 2006, David and I, having simply picked up a leaflet at a concert in Martlesham, decided to investigate what TRBC is all about and then went on our first "Singday" with TRBC in the Royal Albert Hall and sung Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius" along with around 2000 other singers, soloists and the English Festival Orchestra - conducted by Brian Kay (ex. The King Singers) . What an experience - imagine all those singers actually achieving treble ppp's ! As Jean often says : "We were in heaven" !

I think it would be fair to say that we are now "hooked" onto TRBC events - this year we organised a group of around 20 singers from Trianon to go and sing Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man : A Mass for Peace" - another wonderful experience - the same set-up - even more singers - hardly room for the audience !

At that performance we were given initial details of proposed events for 2009 - and I said I would let people know as soon as I had further information as I am on the TRBC mailing list and happy to encourage more Trianon members to participate and organise future ventures "into the unknown".

(David and I went on our first foreign trip with TRBC in September - Salzburg - for a long weekend - where around 150 singers performed Mozart's "Vesperae Solemnes de Confessore" and the "Missa Brevis KV 275" in the cathedral with the Dom Orchestre. We had wonderful sunshine that weekend when England had torrents of rain !)

TRBC run events throughout the year - full details on their website - but as I was asked to let people know about two specific events this year - here they are :

1) THE SCRATCH CROATIAN CHORALE - DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Dates : Thursday 19 – Sunday 22 March 2009 (you can extend this if you wish by arrangement with the travel agency)

Programme to include Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man : Mass for Peace" (following the huge success in RAH July 2008)

Early booking is recommended as availability is limited - I have further details of the itinerary for those who are interested, either as individuals, couples or a group - the latter of which would be really good - more sociable - at the moment David is definitely not able to go due to teaching commitments and I am not sure whether I will go (not because he's not !) but I am happy to do the initial enquiries.

Please contact me as soon as possible, and certainly before January rehearsal session, with details of your name, address, telephone number and voice part, at 10, Skipper Road, Ipswich IP8 3QU, or e-mail me at : bev.ruddock@ntlworld.com.

2) SINGDAY 2009 - JOHN RUTTER'S REQUIEM - conducted by himself !

This is not a "Scratch" event - you will need to know the pieces before the day, although the rehearsals are intensive .

Date : Sunday 12 July 2009

Rehearsals : 11am to 1pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Concert : 7.30pm. Cost : £30 + coach (approx £12 - 15)

You will need your own copies of both this and RVW's "Hundredth Psalm - O be joyful in the Lord". Please be sure you have the correct editions :

(Rutter - OUP - ISBN 978-0-19-338070-7

RVW Stainer and Bell - cat.no. D50 - ISBN 979-0-22-021719-7

(not "The Old Hundredth" written for the Queen's Coronation)

The first half of the concert consists of music by RVW - "O be joyful in the Lord" with full orchestral accompaniment, the exuberant "English Folksong Suite" (orchestra) and then the more wistful "Banks of Green Willow" (orchestra) and "The Lark Ascending" (orchestra).

As last year I am proposing that we join up with St.Alban's School Choir and Friends - who hire a coach - which leaves the school at some unearthly hour in the morning(probably around 7.30am to get us to rehearsal in good time, and returns later that night. (The concert finishes at around 9.30pm - so, I would guess this will be around 11pm.)

To get good seats we **need to book by 28th February 2009, so, again I need to have names, addresses, telephone numbers and voice parts as soon as possible and certainly by the end of the January concert session.**

Definite bookings, which should include a cheque for £30 please, to me at :

10, Skipper Road, Ipswich IP8 3QU, or 'phone me on 01473 424018 or e-mail me at : bev.ruddock@ntlworld.com. with any queries.

There will be an **optional workshop in London for this event, on Saturday 20th June** - if enough people are interested I will consider getting a coach - otherwise go by train and get a group discount.
