

# RLSBC NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Our 2009 / 2010 season started with a bang as we joined forces with the Portsmouth Choral Union for two performances of the Verdi Requiem. I think everyone will agree that all our hard work during the rehearsals paid off with two stunning concerts. The reviews in both Portsmouth & Leamington were a testament to the efforts of all those involved. The trip to Portsmouth was very well organised & with the combined numbers of both choirs, as well as an orchestra to cater for, our concert management team had their work cut out. As usual, everyone involved behind the scenes did a wonderful job & I would like to pass on my continued thanks for all your hard work, not just on the Verdi, but for helping ensure that every concert runs smoothly.

With the Christmas season behind us we now look forward to a very exciting spring & summer season, starting with our own version of "The Last Night of the Proms" - This is going to be a very enjoyable & fun concert and I would urge you to start generating interest & publicising these dates now to ensure that we generate maximum ticket sales.

To end our season we will be returning to Harbury for our summer concert. This is always very well supported by the locals & I would urge you to please advertise this concert as much as possible.

We have decided to hold a vocal workshop with Clare Bovill & Nigel, in place of the "Come & Sing". This workshop which will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March, will give all of us an opportunity to concentrate on our vocal techniques & help continue our improvement.

2010 / 2011 is going to be a very big season for us with two fantastic concerts planned. November

2010 will see us performing Haydn's "The Seasons" whilst April 2011 brings us the challenges of the Bach "Mass in B Minor"

Our fundraising team have made a flying start in coming up with ideas to help the choir funds. If anyone has any ideas or wishes to join the team or has any ideas please contact one of the team or any member of the committee.

As the new committee has taken over please find below contact details for the new officers:

All this information, along with further details of our concerts & fundraising can be found on our choir website ([www.rlsbc.org](http://www.rlsbc.org)) which is currently in the process of being redesigned & will be relaunched shortly.

Norman McKeown

## LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Bunting, balloons, sausage rolls, cheese and pineapple on sticks – it all promises to be very traditional. Help with refreshments will be much appreciated; all finger food please.

**Does anyone out there have a Union Jack?**

If so and we can borrow it for the evening, please let one of the committee know.

## FUNDRAISING

More than £230 was raised for choir funds at Noel Kohler's coffee morning. Cakes with tea and coffee during rehearsals have also proved very popular and anyone wishing to help with baking should speak to Fiona Williams.

Attractive Christmas cards produced at very short notice by Cees van Dorland have sold well in the time available and will be on sale again for Christmas 2010!

February - Coffee morning; volunteer required  
March 6 - Musical Workshop with Clare Bovill  
May 15 - Sponsored walk – contact John Harris  
June 19 - Quiz night and supper, details to follow  
July 25 - Book Stall at Warwick Folk Festival

Interested in joining a group of singers available for Weddings and other occasions? Contact Richard Perry.

## COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- No rehearsal 17<sup>th</sup> February Half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Last Night of the Proms rehearsal 2pm; concert 7:30. Kingsley School
- First rehearsal 14<sup>th</sup> April
- No rehearsal 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July Harbury concert rehearsal 2pm; concert 7:30