



December 2018 Newsletter

MESSIAH

Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful concert – we had some very appreciative comments from the sell-out audience, and I'm sure that the Messiah provided a very good start to their Christmas season. Jeff has worked us very hard this term, and it seemed that everyone put their all into the performance.

Lost Property

If you left a gold damask cushion on the staging, I have it, and my email address is sclaridge31@gmail.com.

If you, or one of your guests left a black spectacles case, it was handed to the reception desk at the Centre.

There were a number of plates/dishes left in the Small Hall. These will be brought to the first rehearsal in January to be claimed.

Thanks.....

Particular thanks go to our very willing and tireless band of helpers. We were a very small group for the set-up on Saturday, so for those who came to help with the staging, putting out 320 chairs and getting the small hall ready for the buffet, we send our very grateful thanks.

The same goes for those who stayed behind to clear up after the concert, and of course our stoic group who turned up at 8.30 am to return all the equipment and staging to their rightful homes.....

The orchestra asked us to express their gratitude to you for all the amazing food that you provided for them. It was the first time that they had been "fed" at a concert, and they were totally blown away by the array of delicious offerings..... We hadn't had to transport orchestra members before, and along with all the other organisation, Karen did a fantastic job arranging lifts to and from the station, and we were so grateful to all the volunteer drivers!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Around 50 of us enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a lot of fun on Monday evening at The Swan at Tetsworth, and I'm sure that everyone who went will want to join the Committee in thanking Geoff and Vivienne Hall for the organisation of it. Don't miss it next year!

THOMLEY HALL

For those members who are singing Christmas songs and Carols at Thomley Hall on **Saturday 15th December**, please meet in the car park at Thomley at 11.15. If you haven't been to the centre before, Thomley is on the road between Worminghall and Stanton St John, and there is a sign to it on the left side of the road.



SPRING TERM 2019

Rehearsals for the Mozart Requiem and Vivaldi Gloria start on **Monday 7th January**, and the concert is on **Saturday 16th March**.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription rates for next term remain the same i.e. Annual £90, Two terms £65 and One term £35.

WORKSHOP

If you haven't already signed up for the "Fun Repertoire" Workshop in **Long Crendon Baptist Church on Saturday 26th January**, there will be a list out at the January rehearsals. The cost is £12, and as previously, we'll be providing cakes, so prepare for a treat!



QUIZ

The Quiz is on **Friday 15th February at Thame Snooker Club**. We had a really enjoyable evening in the autumn, so come and join us! Drinks are available at the bar, and you can bring your own food.....



RAMBLE

There will be a ramble next term – date to be announced!

AGM

The date of the AGM hasn't been fixed yet, but it is likely to be held at 7.00 pm on a Monday evening in March. We're always grateful for additions to the Committee, and if you would like to "volunteer", please see Karen.



And finally

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and a healthy New Year. See you in January!

Sandra

Committee

Karen Ross (Chairman), Geoff Hall (Treasurer), Sandra Claridge (Secretary), David Chaplin, Vivienne Hall, Jennie Lee, Shirley Lynch, Joan Reid, Peter Sawyer, Olivia Shenton-Taylor, Emily Spence

