



## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Firstly – some important reminders!!**

**PLEASE PRINT OFF A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND KEEP IT WITH YOUR MUSIC.....**

### REHEARSALS THIS TERM

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Long Crendon Baptist Church**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Long Crendon Baptist Church**

All other remaining rehearsals are in LWS Upper School Hall.

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: **No rehearsal**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: LWS Upper School Hall

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March: “ “

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April: **No rehearsal**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: **No rehearsal**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: LWS Upper School Hall

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April: “ “

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: **No rehearsal**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Long Crendon Baptist Church

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May: “ “

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May: “ “

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: “ “

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June: “ “

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June: “ “

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: “ “

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June: LWS Upper School Hall

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July: “ “

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July: “ “

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July: **CONCERT**



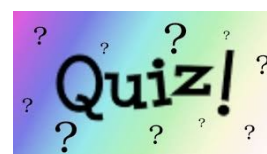
**The programme for the Summer Term is Opera Chorus**

### REHEARSAL DRINKS

From next week we'll be providing more eco-friendly cups, which are slightly more expensive, and the cost of the drinks will rise to 40 pence. However, if you'd like to bring your own cup, the cost of your drink will remain at 30 pence. Thanks go to our volunteer helpers, Diane Clough and Louise Painter.

### QUIZ

The Quiz is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30 pm at Thame Snooker Club. Teams will be a maximum of 8, and we can fix you up in a team! You are welcome to bring nibbles, and purchase drinks at the club. The cost is £5 per head, and please also bring money for the raffle....



## THE RAMBLE

Dave Munson is very kindly organising a Ramble on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February**. It will start from The Boot Inn, Bledlow Ridge at about 10.00 am (time to be confirmed), returning to The Boot for lunch at around 1.00 pm. There will then be an optional walk after lunch. Full details, and the menu from which to choose your lunch will be available next Monday. Please sign up for what promises to be a very enjoyable day. If you'd prefer just to join the walkers for lunch, that's fine, but you will need to pre-order.



## AGM

The AGM is at **7.00 prompt on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, and I'll be sending out the agenda, accounts and supporting documents in the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February. **It would be very helpful if as many people as possible could turn up at 6.30 pm to help us set up the hall for the meeting and rehearsal.** We're also very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join the Committee. It is fun(!), the responsibilities for organising the concerts, providing the membership with all the information they need and putting together a range of social events, are shared. We only have about 6 meetings a year, so it isn't TOO onerous! Please see Karen, or any other member of the current Committee if you'd like to take up the challenge.....

## SPRING CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS

As usual, we're going to need help with the concert, particularly in the following areas, and sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time:

Front of house (including programme and raffle ticket selling)

Set-up of the hall from 12.30 pm

Bar

Clear-up on Saturday after the concert

Return of equipment at 8.30 am on Sunday morning

This concert is accompanied on the organ, so there is no "orchestra" food required. If Vivienne Hall would like donations of food for the soloists etc., there will be a sign-up list.

**Shirley Lynch has produced another stunning poster for the concert, so please keep selling tickets!**

## Concert Dress

All black please for ladies, and black shirts and trousers for gents (no ties required!).

## Black folders

If you're new to the choir and don't have a black folder, please see Chris Durkin. There is a refundable deposit of £5. **Please note that you will also need your black folder if you're going on the Tour to Ypres.**

## YPRES TOUR

I've had confirmation that we will be performing in Ypres Cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, and that we'll be singing "O Valiant Hearts" at the Menin Gate ceremony on the Saturday evening. The dress code for both of these performances will be all black, with poppies (which I have!).

I'll provide more details later, but in the meantime this is just a reminder that if you're going on the tour and haven't already done so, please let me have your mobile number, and that of a contact at home. As you already know, the deadline for the balance of what you owe is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Please come and see me if you have any queries.

All the best

**Sandra**

**Committee:** Karen Ross (Chairman), Geoff Hall (Treasurer), Sandra Claridge (Secretary), David Chaplin, Vivienne Hall, Shirley Lynch, Pete Sawyer, Eppy Sewell, Olivia Shenton-Taylor, Emily Spence