

VIVACE

Vivace newsletter 44

January 2012

Welcome to the first Vivace newsletter of 2012 – our 10th anniversary year. Congratulations especially to our President John Railton who was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours list.

1. We welcome all the new singers who have joined us for our special celebratory concert on 12th May at Christchurch Hitchin when we are performing the Brahms German Requiem. We hope you enjoy singing with Vivace and performing for our audience. We have engaged Robert Gildon a professional baritone for the performance and are pleased to say that Isla will be singing the soprano solos. We will be accompanied by Kate and a string septet to help make this a truly special occasion.
2. A reminder that subs are now due at £40 for the term.
3. We know some people have sung this work before and are visiting from other choirs so will only be joining us for a few rehearsals. John will be producing a rehearsal schedule so you can make the most of your time with him. If this applies to you could you please liaise with me after the schedule is published so that we know who is attending which rehearsals? We would also be grateful for a contribution towards the costs of staging the performance. Thank you for your support.
4. Also a reminder that you need to reimburse Karen if she has ordered music for you.
5. Music Dynamics, trading as Choraline, produce a rehearsal disc for the Brahms which is available via their website as either a MP download or CD.
6. A new date for your diary – on 14th July we are planning a shorter tea time concert as part of the Hitchin festival. As we have reduced rehearsal time we plan to do some works for the whole choir but intersperse this with solo and ensemble pieces, so please let me know if you would like to be considered for one of these. The theme will be celebratory in this special

year for the UK. As John can't be with us on that date we are pleased that Derek has agreed to conduct.

7. Our Christmas concert will be on 8th December.

8. Vivace AGM for year ended July 2011 will take place on 8th February at 9.00pm. We will be singing through the break to maximise rehearsal time. I am attaching:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Nomination form for committee

9. Whilst I am very pleased to say that Brenda has agreed to stand as Chair again sadly both Helen and Jan are leaving the committee due to family commitments and both Wendy and Bob left us earlier in the year. So we urgently need some new people for the committee especially to act as Treasurer as it is not sustainable for Brenda to do that job and to act as Chair. Committee typically meets once per term to plan and once per term with John and Kate for musical matters. The remainder of our work is done by email. Committee members are also trustees of our charity and you can find useful guidance on what this entails on the Charity Commission website.

10. At the AGM we will also be discussing Poco Vivace which is led by Derek. This small group came into being very quickly last term when we were offered the opportunity for a paid engagement in a location too small to accommodate the whole choir. We also had 2 other opportunities to raise the profile of Vivace by performing at Christmas events at David's Bookshop and on Fairfield Park. We do not want to create an exclusive choir within a choir but we do see the advantage of having a group which can perform at short notice and in smaller venues when that provides a benefit to Vivace as a whole either by raising funds or increasing our profile so encouraging bigger audiences or identifying new members. We therefore think that Poco Vivace should continue but that anyone in the choir should be able to audition for it. As the group typically only has a couple of rehearsals before giving a performance members need to be good sight readers and able to hold their line. As we need a balanced group it may be that we will identify a larger group of potential members

and then select from them for each performance based on availability and the particular needs of the event.

Elaine Fox

Secretary

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Vivace AGM for the year ended 31st July 2011

Edgeworth House

9.30 pm Wednesday 8th February 2012

Agenda

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **Minutes of AGM 2010**
3. **Annual report including agreement of report to Charity Commission**
4. **Treasurers Report including presentation of accounts**
 - **Future Gift Aid**
5. **Musical Director report**
6. **Election of committee members**
7. **Poco Vivace discussion**
8. **AOB**

The minutes for 2010 and reports will follow in an AGM special newsletter - look out for it!

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Nomination for committee

I wish to be considered for election to Vivace committee at the AGM on 8th February 2012.

Name

Signature.....

Post(s).....

Supporter Name.....

Supporter Signature.....

Date.....