

## ISLE OF MAN CHORAL SOCIETY

June 2010

Dear Choir Members (past and present – and potential future members)

It seems hard to believe but in a few short weeks we will be starting rehearsals for our 2011 concert.

The first thing I have to tell you is that we have had to change our concert date from 3 April to 20 February 2011. The very late Easter has forced the Guild to move two weeks earlier than usual which then clashed with our date so we have agreed to move to the earlier date. We have also decided that, as the concert will be at a time of dark nights and possible poor weather, we would make it an afternoon concert instead of our usual evening time.

The resulting reduction in the number of rehearsals made choosing a new work unwise so Julian has recommended that we should perform two of the most popular works in the choral repertoire – Mozart's Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria. For those who haven't done them before, I can assure you of a most enjoyable sing.

As the choir has done both works before, some members will already have scores. For those who haven't there are two options. They can be purchased by indicating your requirement on the form or you can borrow a score or scores for the winter. The Department of Education Music Centre have both scores in their library and have kindly agreed to loan us as many as we need. If you wish to borrow then please tick the form in the appropriate place and I can arrange to get an adequate supply from the Centre.

Rehearsal CDs and Tapes are also available for purchase although Choraline have stopped producing tapes and they are only available while stocks last..

To enable me to get all the scores ordered in time for our opening rehearsal on 9 September, it is essential that all membership forms **are returned to me by 31 July**. However, I have been asked whether it would be possible to get scores and CDs/tapes before 9 September to enable enthusiastic members to do a bit of advance homework. If anyone would like to get their copies early, please return the form and cheque by 14 July. I will then place an advance order which should be received by the end of July. You could then ring me (671138) after 1 August to arrange a time when you could call at 7 Spinney Close to collect them.

Our rehearsals are, as usual, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the month but you will notice from the attached rehearsal schedule that we are planning to have four additional rehearsals in January and February at St Ninians Church. I look forward to seeing you all at our first rehearsal and AGM on 9 September.

### **New members**

As always, we must be on the lookout for new members. This year should be a good year for members to join, particularly those who may not have done much singing before or not for many years. Both works are very singable and, as many of the choir members are familiar with the music, it should be a big help to those who are singing them for the first time. Those of you who were in the Manx Youth Choir or other youth choirs could think of some of your former choir friends and try to encourage them to take up singing again.

### **Choral Weekend 23 – 25 July**

In case you haven't got round to submitting your application for the weekend, I enclose a copy of the application form. Please get the form and your cheque to Nici Fletcher at 136 Fairways Drive, Santon IM4 2JG straight away.

Regards

Jim Cowell  
Secretary

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - Return your membership form and order for scores and CDs etc. to me straight away and certainly no later than 31 July. We have a lot of scores etc. to order and it is essential that we get the orders in to our suppliers if we are to get them in time for the first rehearsal.**