



RSCM Bristol & Swindon Area News 2007 (ii)

Dear friends and affiliates,

If you or any members of your choir wish to receive news and application forms for Area events by email then please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address by sending it to rscmbris@rscm-bristol-swindon.co.uk.

There are several events which you might care to put in your diary and a poster for the choir vestry is also included. Application forms for all the 2007 events are included.

AGM and Compline September 2007

Using the same successful format as last year we will meet in Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HG at 7.30pm on Monday Sept 17th for wine, nibbles and our short obligatory AGM. We will then learn some music and sing Compline.

RSCM Cathedral Singers Evensong Taster Day September 2007

In January 2007 76 singers sang a glorious Evensong in Bristol Cathedral to a remarkably high standard. We are repeating this on Saturday 29th Sept in St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. This is suitable for those who just want a one-off experience and for those who might wish to audition to join the *RSCM Midlands & South West Cathedral Singers*.

Diocesan Choral Festival *The Truth will Set us Free* October 2007

In Bristol Cathedral, directed by Mark Lee on Saturday 13th October (rehearsal 2.00pm, service 5.00pm), the Festival features music by Richard Shephard, S.S. Wesley, Maurice Greene, Malcolm Archer, Hylton Stewart, David Ogden and John Harper. In past years attendance at the festival has been free with a charge made for the music books and we usually make a loss on these. This year we will instead make a charge of £5 (£3 for those aged 16 and under) for attendance (this is the usual fee for any of our short RSCM evening events) and the books will now be supplied free to those attending (postage payable as extra if needed).

Meet, Eat and Sing November 2007

The annual Autumn Meet, Eat and Sing will be in Wroughton Parish Church, Swindon, SN4 9JS and the adjacent Legge House Conference Centre on Monday 12th November at 7.00pm. John Wardle (RSCM Director of Awards) will lead us in some repertoire Old & New, followed by a cooked supper.

Duke Ellington Sacred Concert Jan 2008

In a joint event with the City of Bristol Choir we are offering a chance to sing Duke Ellington's amazing Sacred Concert on Saturday January 26th accompanied by a jazz band. David Ogden has already performed this on Radio Three and guarantees to be able to teach it to us in one session !

3-Day Easter Chorister's Course 2008 Mon-Wed April 7th-9th

We give advance warning that, due to the new arrangement of school terms, next year's "Easter" non-residential chorister's course cannot be in the usual week after Easter because the young folk are still in school. It will be transferred to the first week of the newly named "Spring Break". It will also be moved to Monday to Wednesday and should not interfere with as many choir practice times as previously.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Henderson'.

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