



## Vestry Notice

# Calendar of Events – September to November 2007

### SEPTEMBER:

#### **GOLD AWARD TRAINING EVENING**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. 7.30-9.30pm, St. Andrew's Church, Backwell.**

Gold Award examiner David Ogden leads a session aimed at those looking to enter the examination this November, or during 2008.

#### **BISHOP'S AND DEAN'S CHORISTER AWARDS TRAINING AFTERNOON**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. 2.00-5.00pm, St. John's Church, Glastonbury.**

An opportunity to explore the 2007 syllabus for these awards and to give potential candidates and their choir trainers a clear understanding of the standards expected.

#### **COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLINE**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. 7.30-9.30pm, St. John's Church, Yeovil.**

Our annual open committee/general meeting. Come and meet the committee, tell us what you liked about this year's programme – and what you didn't – and what you'd like to see in the future.

#### **A PLAYING DAY FOR ORGANISTS**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. 10.30am-4.30pm, All Saints' Church, Weston-super-Mare.**

Christopher Manners gives advice and encouragement to organists in playing for services, and for pianists wanting to adapt to the organ. Hymns, voluntaries, getting round the organ, choice of stops.

### NOVEMBER:

#### **BISHOP'S AND DEAN'S CHORISTER AWARDS EXAMINATIONS**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. From 9.30am, St. John's Church, Glastonbury.**

Closing date for entries is 30<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008, St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare.**

Workshop "*How shall I sing the Lord's song in a strange land?*" Led by Andrew Maries.

To attend any of these events, please speak to your choir trainer, or contact:  
Brenda Knight, Area Secretary, on 01984 632444, E-mail: [brenda@brendaknight.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:brenda@brendaknight.orangehome.co.uk)



# Gold Award Training Evening

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007

7.30 – 9.30pm

St. Andrew's Church, Backwell

BS48 3JJ

An evening led by **David Ogden**, aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at people who are looking to enter for the Gold Award in November 2007, who will therefore be familiar with the syllabus, and probably already in the process of preparing their written submissions. To maximise benefit from the evening, numbers may need to be restricted, so early application is recommended.

Light refreshments will be provided at the start of the evening (from 7.00pm).

**Cost:** The fee is £5 per person. Please make cheques payable to 'RSCM Somerset Area'.

**Directions:**

Backwell is on the A370, about 8 miles south-west of Bristol, or 9 miles north-east of M5 J21 (Weston-super-Mare). At the crossroads in the centre of the village (traffic lights) turn **left** from Bristol, or **right** from Weston. Continue up Dark Lane for ¼ mile, follow the road round left into Church Lane, and St. Andrew's is on the left hand side, opposite the junction with Church Town.

**To apply:** Please return the attached slip with payment, by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

TO: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA, Tel: 01984 632444

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## Gold Award Training Evening

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 7.30 – 9.30pm, St. Andrew's Church, Backwell

To: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA

Affiliated Choir/Friend/Individual Member  
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Contact Name  
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Address .....  
..... Tel no.....

I enclose £ ..... for ..... the following individuals.

(Please list names of possible candidates) .....  
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***Bishop's and Dean's Chorister Awards Training Afternoon***

*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007  
2.00pm – 5.00pm  
St. John's Church, Glastonbury  
BA6 9DR*

The session will be led by **Ray Willis**, Somerset Area Education and Training Officer (an accredited RSCM examiner). The aim is to explore the newly-revised syllabus for these awards and to give potential candidates and their choir trainers a clear understanding of the standards expected, as well as a guide to the exam in detail. Exam administration will be covered, as will details of the Geoffrey Fillary Award.

Copies of the 2007 syllabus and application forms will be available.

Potential candidates (whether juniors or adults) and their trainers are strongly advised to attend a training afternoon before taking any exam.

**Timetable:**

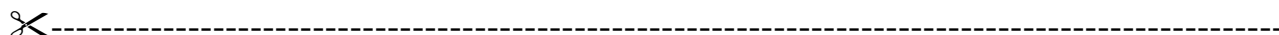
2.00 pm	Welcome, introduction, and the Geoffrey Fillary Award
2.10 pm	Section A (Using the voice well) – Hymn singing, psalm singing and prepared item
2.40 pm	Section B (Musical skills and understanding) – Sight reading, aural tests etc.
3.20 pm	Section C (Repertoire) and Section E (Choir in context)
4.15 pm	Tea break
4.30 pm	Exam administration – including Section D (Belonging to the choir)
5.00 pm	Finish

**Cost:**

The fee for the course is £5.00 per person attending.  
Please make cheques payable to 'RSCM Somerset Area'

**To apply:**

Please return the attached slip with payment, by **8<sup>th</sup> September 2007**  
TO: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA. Tel: 01984 632444



**Somerset Area: Bishop's and Dean's Chorister Awards Training Afternoon**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, St. John's Church, Glastonbury**

To: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA

Affiliated Organisation/Friend/ Individual Member .....

Contact Name .....

Address .....

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# Complaints, Compliments and Compline

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007

7.30 – 9.30pm

St. John's Church, Yeovil

BA20 1HE

This is our annual open committee/general meeting, when members will get the chance to meet committee members (and each other), tell us what they liked about this year's programme – and what they didn't like – and have the opportunity to influence our future activities.

If any members would like to help in a more direct way by joining the committee, this would also be an ideal way to find out what is involved (though we don't want people to be put off coming to the meeting through the fear of being "press-ganged" onto the committee)!

The meeting will be preceded by light refreshments from 7.00pm, and will end with a short service of Compline.

**Cost:** There is no charge for this event, but to assist with catering, it would be useful if members planning to attend could complete and return the attached slip to Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA, **to arrive no later than 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**

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**Somerset Area: Complaints, Compliments and Compline, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007**  
**St. John's Church, Yeovil**

To: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA

Affiliated Organisation/Friend/Individual Member .....

Contact Name .....

Address .....

..... Tel no .....

I/a total of ..... people hope to attend this event.



## A Playing Day for Organists

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 10.30am – 4.30pm  
All Saints' Church, Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 2NL

The day will be led by **Christopher Manners** (Director of Music at All Saints' Church) and will offer advice and encouragement to organists in playing for services, whether or not they use their feet. Help for those pressed into playing and pianists wanting help in adapting to the organ is promised.

The day is about playing hymns, choosing and playing voluntaries, and will cover anything that you need to help you to sound skilful in playing for services. Help will also be given on getting around the organ and choosing stops. Please bring copies of the hymn books and any settings that you use and some voluntaries that you like. Those who would rather watch are welcome, but players can be assured of encouragement!

The church has two pipe organs – a three manual Compton with detached console, and a one manual Georgian chamber organ without pedals, both of which will be available for use.

### Proposed Timetable:

- 10.30am Introduction – getting the best out of the organ.  
Playing hymns so that you encourage the congregation to sing well, and singing the Psalms.
- 12.45pm “Bring your own” Picnic Lunch.
- 1.30pm Choosing and playing voluntaries (with and without pedals). Filling silences.  
Helping the congregation to sing settings, responses and other parts of the service.
- 4.30pm Finish.

*(Tea & coffee will be available during breaks in the sessions.)*

*It would be useful if you bring with you a list of the stops on the organ(s) that you play.*

**Cost:** The fee for the day will be **£15.00**. Please make cheques payable to ‘RSCM Somerset Area’.

**Directions:** The church is in All Saints’ Road. Make for the Sea Front, travelling North, and take the first turning right past the Winter Gardens. Turn left past Weston College, and turn right just above St. John’s Church. Follow this road round, and the church is on the right-hand side just past the brow of the hill.

**To apply:** Please return the attached slip to: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA, **to arrive no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.**

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**Somerset Area: A Playing Day for Organists, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Weston-super-Mare**

To: Miss Brenda Knight, Ivy Cottage, Sampford Brett, Taunton, TA4 4LA

Affiliated Organisation/Friend/Individual Member .....

Contact Name .....

Address .....

..... Tel no .....

I enclose £..... for ..... people @ £15.00 each  
*Please make cheques payable to ‘RSCM Somerset Area’.*