

Announcements 18.11.24

1. We rehearsed:

Willcocks (arrangement)

- Deck the Hall (orange carol book pp.22-27)

Byrd

- *O Magnum Mysterium*

Rachmaninoff

- Bogoroditse Devo

Chilcott

- All choral elements

Saint-Saëns

- All choral elements: movements 2, 4,6 and 9

2. Jane thanked choir members for publicising the forthcoming concert and their distribution the relevant posters/flyers within the locality, recording on the list where they are taking these items so that there can be an overview of where posters are still needed.

3. Kieron was thanked for production of a promotional video which is available at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/burgesshillchoralsociety/?locale=en_GB

4. Jane also thanked members for their endeavours selling concert tickets.

5. Jane highlighted that collection of prizes for the raffle which is to be held at the concert would commence at next week's rehearsal and donations would much appreciated.

6. Choir members were encouraged to sign up to the Social on 9.12.24

7. Some recent problems in relation to phishing pop ups and malware using Choralia were discussed and the feedback from the website's manager about how to address these problems:

"The Choralia website cannot create popups: it's technically impossible. However, advertisements are directly provided to the browser (your browser or the browser of other choir members) by two major advertising networks: one from France; and one from Canada. I cannot control what they send to

your computer, however their control on contents is quite strict, so I don't think that the problem is originated by their advertisements. Most likely, you are experiencing the same problem reported by other users, where we eventually found that the cause was related to a specific type of malware that other websites distribute. This type of malware opens popups especially when the user remains on the same website for several minutes. As users remain on the same page at Choralia for a long time while listening to music, the popups open when visiting Choralia, however it is just a coincidence related to the long period of time visiting Choralia. This type of malware is specifically designed to mislead the users, as they cannot identify the website that originally injected the malware on their computer.

I would suggest that whoever experiences malware incidents on their computer to carry out a complete antivirus scan so as to remove the malware. This type of malware typically affects a plugin of the browser, so they may also uninstall their browser and install it again, or use an alternative browser (e.g., Mozilla Firefox in lieu of Google Chrome)."

8. Jane reminded choir members that we shall be at St Andrew's Church rather than the URC next Monday and that there is limited on-site parking but also some local off street parking. It was highlighted that the Church is sometimes rather cool and that we are unable to offer refreshments at this venue. It was pointed out that we use a side entrance to the building rather than the main Church door. Jane noted that we would be replicating, as closely as possible, the seating we shall be using at the concert itself.
9. Next week we shall be rehearsing:
 - Carols
 - Saint-Saëns