

Watford Philharmonic Society – Notices 10th January 2022



A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A HEALTHY 2022!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN, PAM

Hello, Happy New Year and welcome back to another year of making music together at Watford Phil. I do hope you were able to enjoy the festive season as much as possible in these difficult times – I know many families were forced to change plans at the last minute and lost out on spending time with their loved ones.

However, back to business and we are starting work once again to put on the best performance ever of **Messiah on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Grand Hall, Bushey**. I'm sure some will feel that we do not need to rehearse as much for this since we have been there before, BUT I suspect when we revisit the score we will all find things that are different to when we last sang it!!

We will continue to follow all possible COVID precautions and I suggest you wear layers to cope with the open windows. We need to keep us all safe, calm but above all, carry on!

Looking forward to seeing you all again – Pam

FOR THIS TERM

1. We will continue to rehearse from 7.30pm to 9pm without a break, observing our Covid safety rules (see box below)
2. Please remember to bring your library copy of Handel's *Messiah* (New Novello -Watkins Shaw edition) to rehearsal (previously issued in January 2020!!)
3. Please return your NUMBERED A4 envelope containing the sheet music: *This is the truth from above*; *Christmas Song (Chestnuts roasting)*; *Stille Nacht*; *White Christmas*; *Ring Out Wild Bells*; *We need a little Christmas*; and (Tenors and Basses only) *Santa Baby* - and MAKE SURE ALL PENCILLED MARK-UPS HAVE BEEN ERASED!
4. Please ensure that you have destroyed ALL the Christmas music copied from 100CFC



THE RAFFLE STARTS AGAIN TONIGHT!

We are delighted that Kay (Leyshon), Valerie (Proudley) and Mary (Ford) will restart the weekly raffle tonight. Bring along all those unwanted Christmas presents and be prepared to buy lots of tickets to get us off to a roaring start! Make sure you buy your tickets before we start rehearsing as there is no interval. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS WHEN LEAVING PRIZES and BUYING TICKETS!

***** COVID-19 AND SAFE SINGING – WPS GUIDELINES *****

Please comply with our **socially distanced seating plan** for safe rehearsals and workshops. Bottles of **hand sanitizer** are located at strategic points around the room for your use. Windows, hall doors and the Fire Exit door will be left open to ensure adequate **ventilation** so please dress warmly.

We strongly recommend **wearing of face masks when not singing** and taking a **rapid COVID Test** before rehearsals and workshops to make sure you are Covid-negative and hence not a risk to your singing neighbours.

Free rapid Covid test kits can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please let us know should you test **positive** in the next 14 days – members@watfordphilharmonic.co.uk

FUN QUIZ ON "THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" ANSWERS

Over the 12 days of Christmas I received 364 "gifts" in total.

1. I received exactly 12 of just TWO commodities. What were they ? DRUMMERS AND PARTRIDGES
2. If "The first day of Christmas" is December 25th, what was the first date on which I did NOT receive anything ? 6TH JANUARY
3. What was the largest number of birds that I received on any one day ? 23
4. How many musicians in total did I have to contend with ? 34
5. How many gold rings did I receive in all ? 40
6. I would have enough gold rings to give exactly one each to which category of visitor ? MAIDS A-MILKING
7. A colly bird is another name for a blackbird. On which day was I first able to make a black-bird pie fit to set before royalty ? 9TH DAY (2ND JANUARY)
8. If each goose laid two eggs per day, starting on the day they were delivered, how many dozen goose eggs did I have in addition to the other gifts ? 7 DOZEN