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 Dear Choir - Happy New Year to you all and hope you managed to escape all the winter bugs going around during the festive season. This is just a gentle reminder that our new term starts tomorrow Wednesday 7th January at 7.30 pm prompt so please arrive a bit earlier to collect your music from Karen.

Also remember to add the 21st March 11th July and to your new diary for our Spring and Summer concerts. We have had some enquiries from singers interested in joining Vivace and we hope to see them tomorrow too.

Our main piece for the spring concert is the Stainer Crucifixion and we look forward to getting to grips with this and other pieces under Joe's excellent tutelage and Alex's accompaniment.

 As always, please could you pay your subscriptions as soon as possible after the start of term (preferably tomorrow night!) As you are aware, the fee is £50 per term (please see any member of the committee in confidence if have difficulty with the fees)

Top Ten Tips on how to be the **perfect** singer this year:

- 1 Never disagree with your choral director
- 2 Never forget your glasses
- 3 Never eat crisps during rehearsal
- 4 Never forget your pencil
- 5 Always turn off your phone
- 6 Never have a different score from everyone else
- 7 Never get the giggles
- 8 Never book your holiday on the date of your concert
- 9 Always learn your notes
- 10 Always agree with your choral director



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Join the Harpenden Choral Society to sing in a

Russian Choral Music Workshop - Conducted by Peter Leech

Saturday 24th January 2015 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Registration at 9:30am

High Street Methodist Church Hall, Harpenden, AL5 2RU.

Harpenden Choral Society warmly welcomes the return of composer, conductor and musicologist **Peter Leech** to lead a Russian Choral Music workshop in preparation for their March 21st concert. This workshop will follow the development of the Russian Orthodox choral tradition from the mid-18th century up to the Revolution of 1917 with a varied selection of delightful works by Bortynansky, Galuppi, Sarti, Lvov, Lvovsky, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov and others. This is a unique opportunity to try out choral singing in a friendly and supportive environment, and to gain a real insight into singing repertoire from the rich and fascinating Russian choral tradition from an expert in the field.

Tickets cost £15 for adults; £5 for students, which includes scores and refreshments during the break. Non-members cordially welcome.

Please email tickets@harpendenchoralsociety.org, or telephone 01582 419379 for further information and to book your place.



'Gift Aid'

If you have previously completed a Gift Aid form but are no longer paying tax i.e. through retirement etc. could you please let Brenda know the last year in which you paid tax. If we accidentally over claim because we are not aware of someone's change in circumstances we will be liable to repay it at a later date. Equally, if you do pay tax but have never completed a Gift Aid Form and are prepared to do so, please ask Brenda for a form and return it to her once completed.



FINALLY - We have raised over £140 so far through Easyfundraising so a big thank you to everyone who has used this very painless fundraising method and please remember to sign up for Easyfundraising if you haven't already done so. It's easy to do and if we all signed up and used it for online shopping it would make a real difference to our funds - THANK YOU!

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