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Dear All,

I hope that you have had a good summer and have been able to enjoy the Mediterranean climate. I must say that on several Monday evenings I imagined what it would have been like rehearsing in the Methodist Hall! Any rate, we are now getting close to the start of the new season with our first rehearsal on 15th September, one week later than usual.

As Jeremy said at the AGM, he has put together a programme for the season which should be interesting, challenging and easy to sell. The season's prospectus has not been printed yet but will be available on the 15th. However, I enclose the details of the programme with this letter. Each concert as usual has a theme, and a variety of pieces within it; it will be great to have Jeremy Filsell playing the Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.3 in May.

I am sure that you will all agree that the Mahler concert last May was a resounding success and was a wonderful, inspirational finish to the season. Wasn't it great to see the Cathedral full? It was a credit not only to the quality of the performance but also to all those who worked so hard to ensure that the organisation was seam free. We can only exist if everyone does their bit to help in the organisation of concerts and acts as a team. If we are to be successful, it is beholden on every member to actively work towards doing their bit, not only in ensuring that all concerts are a sell-out, but also by actively participating in the organisation. No excuses please, we are all busy with demanding jobs. The choir is not there for our relaxation alone, it does require commitment from everyone. So please make sure that you play your full part not only in the singing, but also in all the other parts that are vital for our success.

With all best wishes for a successful and enjoyable season

John

John Trigg, Chairman, Guildford Philharmonic Choir

P.S. An observation following the rehearsal for the Hever Castle concert:

If during the season you disagree with the way that someone has organised something, please remember that people do this willingly in their own free time and do not deserve to be publicly harangued. Politeness costs nothing. If you feel you can do better yourself, please offer your services towards organising the event another time.