

NEWS

Since the last Newsletter in May, there have been three events. Our Residential Singing Weekend in the Var went down well as always and we were warmly welcomed by the staff of Renouveau holiday village. There were two major changes in the programme this year – participants were encouraged to bring along any instruments they play to accompany the singing and we had a cello, 2 saxophones and flute. All this was ably managed by our Director, Miles Quick, from RSCM Centre. Also, we were able to sing the communion service on the Sunday morning at the local Anglican church, St John the Evangelist in St Raphaël, and this rounded off the weekend perfectly. The next Weekend will be the last at Renouveau as they are closing in 2017, but if there is still a demand a new venue will be found.



The next event was a Singing Day in October led by Lindsay Gray, a former Director of the RSCM, and hosted by our newest affiliate, St Joseph's Catholic church in Paris. This was well supported by our nucleus of singers in the Paris area, and St Joseph's proved to be an excellent venue, with very welcoming choristers and Director of Music. We had a major trauma in that two-thirds of the music books (RSCM's own "With saintly shout and solemn jubilee") did not arrive in time for the event which resulted in frantic last-minute efforts by committee members to provide enough copies for all, thus saving the day.

On 11 November RSCM France, in conjunction with the Royal British Legion in Paris, organised a service of Remembrance in Notre Dame Cathedral with musicians and choir specially recruited from our supporters in the area. This was recorded by BBC Radio 4 and broadcast on 13 November. This has now become an annual event and is much appreciated by the local English-speaking community.



See website for report and photos of these events : www.rscmfrance.org

Our future events are listed below, but there will be more to come as arrangements are finalised. We do hope you will join us.

Our website is updated regularly, where details and booking forms for all events can be found as soon as they are available : www.rscmfrance.org.

If you would like more information about membership of RSCM France, or about our events, please contact us on rscmfrance@gmail.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SINGING DAY

Holy Trinity Church, 78600 Maisons-Laffitte. 18 February 2017



This will be led by Nigel McClintock, Director of Music at St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and will be a traditional Evensong based on the RSCM festival book « With saintly shout and solemn jubilee », which has the lives of the saints as its theme. The programme will include hymns, psalms, and anthems of varying difficulty. All singers are welcome, whether churchgoers or not, and from all church traditions, but sight-reading is a definite advantage. **We will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of RSCM France.**

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RESIDENTIAL SINGING WEEKEND

Renouveau holiday village, Roquebrune-sur-Argens, Var. 9-11 June 2017



Our fifth Residential Weekend will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Renouveau holiday village in the south east of France. Residential and non-residential places are available, and non-participating guests can also be accommodated, so come and enjoy a musical weekend in the sun – pack your swimsuit and boules ! The leader this year will be Adrian Lucas, head of Choral Studies at the RSCM. As last year, bring your instrument as well as your voice. The Sunday morning communion service will be sung at St John the Evangelist church in St Raphaël.

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ORGAN LESSONS

Our Chairman, John Crothers, is offering organ lessons in the Paris area from near-beginners up to experienced level at €30 per hour, a proportion of which will be donated to RSCM France. Please enquire at rscmfrance@gmail.com or telephone the Secretary on 04 94 50 38 46.

and finally..... the next RSCM France Festival will be in autumn 2017.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A MUSICAL NEW YEAR TO ALL