



FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER ... 5th October 2011

Dear Friend

In this, the 6th Newsletter since I became Friends' Secretary, I'd like to introduce two innovations. First, I'm sending this out by e-mail, where I can. Otherwise, or if you'd still prefer this, I'll send it via the postman.

Secondly, (to correct an oversight) I'd like to welcome newcomers to the Friends, the most recent (I think) having been Sylvia Newton, Bob and Hilary Hinde and John Wright, to whom let's give a warm (if rather belated) welcome. Although we're all listed in concert programmes, "here we are again", as the song goes:

Annual Friends

Mrs P Anderson	Mrs J Armitage	Mrs B Barnard	Mr & Mrs C Clemence
Mrs A S Fyshe	Miss A Greengrass	Mr & Mrs R Hinde	Dr & Mrs D Hubbard
Mrs J Longhurst	Mrs P Newlyn	Miss S Newton	Miss M Treacher
			Mr J Wright

Life Friends

Mr W D C Barham	Mr D J Bradley	Mrs J Callebaut	Mr & Mrs G Ettridge
Mr M Lewis	Mr & Mrs M F Moulton	Mrs A Robinson	Mr & Mrs A C M Shepherd
			Mr & Mrs D Woolston

As stated in the 2011/2012 Annual Programme, Friends' concessions on the new ticket prices are: front nave £13 instead of £18, rear nave £11 instead of £14, with unreserved (mostly side aisles) still £7. We also get free programmes plus this correspondence, through which you are welcome to make other suggestions.

A propos, I've just agreed with the RCS Treasurer that the "3 for 2^{1/2}" Season Ticket deal will apply pro-rata to Friends, thus offering significant further savings:

Price for all three concerts, with and without a Season ticket	Front nave			Rear nave		
	No season ticket	With season ticket	Saving on a Season ticket through being a Friend	No season ticket	With season ticket	Saving on a Season ticket through being a Friend
Non-Friends	54	45		42	35	
Friends	39	32.50	45 - 32.50 = 12.50	33	27.50	35 - 27.50 = 7.50

On the next page is a description of the coming concert series. I'm also including two fliers for Haydn's Creation on 5th November at 7pm in the Cathedral. Please give at least one to a friend. As I've said before, the dog doesn't count.

With thanks for your support and with warm good wishes

Yours sincerely

Malcolm

Forthcoming concerts (all at Rochester Cathedral, starting at 7pm)

Saturday 5th November 2011

Haydn Creation conducted by Roger Sayer

With the Rochester Sinfonietta. *This promises to be a performance of great beauty.*

Saturday 24th March 2012

Spring Concert including "Come & Sing" of Stainer's Crucifixion conducted by Roger Sayer

Whitacre: Lux Aurumque

Whitacre: Sleep

Mendelssohn: Hear my Prayer

Bruckner: Christus Factus est

Stainer: The Crucifixion (Novello ed.)

- "Come & Sing" rehearsal, 4.30 - 6 pm
 - RCS concert performance of the first half of the programme, 7 pm
 - Stainer's Crucifixion, after the interval
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Saturday 23rd June 2012

Mendelssohn Elijah Conducted by Roger Sayer

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

Saturday 3rd November 2012

Our *Premiere* Concert conducted by Roger Sayer and Patrick Hawes

Fanfare for the Common Man: Copland

I was Glad: Parry

Adagio for Strings: Barber

Te Deum: Hawes **U.K. Premiere******

Blest Pair of Sirens: Parry

Organ Sonata for Two Organists: Briggs **World Premiere******

Roger Sayer and Charles Andrews, Organists

Coronation Te Deum: Walton

March / April 2013 **Berlioz Te Deum** conducted by Roger Sayer

With the Rochester Sinfonietta

July 2013: details and venue to be announced

Verdi Requiem: conducted by Roger Sayer

This invitation concert is to be given in response to a Medway Council initiative to encourage greater participation in choral music in the Medway Towns. Friends are invited to attend, take part in, or otherwise support this welcome initiative.