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Dear Friend

I would first like to welcome, on your behalf, Mrs Heather Sinclair as an annual solo member and Mr. Mike Gould as a life member, wishing them a long and happy membership of the Friends.

It is with great sadness that I record the death of Gavin Williams, our much-loved Assistant Director of Music, a loyal friend to all of us for many years, as well as a highly qualified and gifted musician and composer.

Bob Chilcott's brilliant *Salisbury Vespers* and Vierne's massive *Messe Solenne*, our Spring concert, in the Cathedral, was a treat for lovers of choral and organ music. It was good to know that 21st century music could be as well-appreciated as that of earlier centuries.

We are all looking forward to the Summer concert, a performance, with full orchestra, of Haydn's Nelson Mass and the Bach Magnificat, in the Cathedral, on Saturday 27 June at 7 pm. Handbills for this are attached or enclosed and your help in distributing these is much appreciated.

Please note that the Autumn concert was wrongly announced in the previous Newsletter. It is now to be a joint concert with the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra, of the Brahms Song of Destiny and Beethoven's 9th Symphony, the Choral. Please note in your diary, Saturday 14th November in the Cathedral.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm

Malcolm Moulton, Friends' Secretary