



FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NUMBER 30

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Dear Friend

This is the time when I must remind everyone involved about subscriptions. Clearly, this does not include Life Friends or those who pay by Standing Order or other direct means, Sincere thanks are due for everyone's support, both financial and in attending at concerts, whether as audience or singers.

On a personal note, I have now retired after 17 happy years as a singing member of RCS, (including three as Chairman), which I joined in 2000. I remain a Life Friend and joint Friends' Secretary until someone replaces me and am indebted to Sarah for making this arrangement both practical and enjoyable.



As a slight innovation, I am writing this Newsletter as much about us, as Friends as about the Society and so, in addition to this flyer for the next Concert, here is a little "pome" as our own "call to arms", as it were.

Friends, Come and Join Us!

Singers who've practised with great dedication
Find, in audience numbers, a real inspiration
Many now strive to encourage attendance
And support from the Friends has become a dependence
Now RCS Friends have a chance to augment 'em
With a "Come, Join Us" brochure that Sarah has sent 'em

I hope some of us will be able to find some recruits from our families and friends (not forgetting that some Friends already arrive with a virtual army of supporters)

I think I may have made enough play of *The Armed Man* theme. It certainly is stirring music, with very singable tunes, to account for the popularity of what Carl Jenkins has called his *Mass for Peace*. By contrast, Vaughan Williams' delightful oratorio *Sancta Civitas*, Holy City, is more complex, with an appeal to all musical tastes, from the simplest to the most sophisticated. I think there just isn't anything like it (except perhaps more Vaughan Williams).

We look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm and Sarah

Malcolm Moulton and Sarah Anderson, Friends' Secretaries



Friends Annual Subscriptions, benefits and payment

'Solo Friend': £30 for a year (life membership £300).

'Duet Friends': £50 per couple (life membership £450).

As a Friend, you receive:

- £5 off your front-nave seat or £3 off any other*.
- A free programme at each concert
- Newsletters, in the form of pre-concert mailings and
- An opportunity to socialise at our concerts.

Some fixed-price concerts (eg Christmas) are not included

The Treasurer is Chris Clemence, 246 City Way, Rochester ME1 2BN

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He will be happy to receive cash or cheque payments.

To pay on-line (for those with on-line banking), please pay to

Name: Rochester Choral Society

Sort code: 40-39-02

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Or you can pay by Standing Order

And let Chris know by phone or e-mail. (Please note the address above)

**Please make all payments directly to Chris, (not to us).
Thank you.**

Malcolm and Sarah

Forthcoming attractions:

All on Saturdays at 7pm in Rochester Cathedral, conducted by Scott Farrell.

Autumn 18 November 2017	Jenkins: The Armed Man Vaughan Williams: Sancta Civitas	With Rochester Sinfonietta
Spring 17 March 2018	Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle	
Summer 23 June 2018	Haydn: Harmonie Messe Schubert: Mass in B	With Rochester Sinfonietta