

Spring Programme

28th January, 2012

Sarah-Jane Bradley (viola) & Anthony Hewitt (piano)

Sarah-Jane and Anthony are established musicians with international reputations. Sarah-Jane is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and has many international prizes to her credit. Anthony has played with the RPO in London, National Symphony Orchestra and Princeton Symphony in the USA. The music includes popular works by Mendelssohn, Delius and Prokofiev.

25th February, 2012

Weston Light Orchestra with Guests

A welcome return of the WLO who will provide an evening to enjoy the nostalgia of the light programme on the wireless; tune into Droitwich and remember the music of yesteryear.

31st March, 2012

Jennifer Carter (piano) & Shelly Ezra (clarinet)

Jennifer has played at many venues including Bristol and Glasgow Cathedrals, the Colston Hall and Covent Garden and has won many prizes. Shelly is Israeli and has studied and played mainly in Germany where she has also won a number of awards.

Music Festival Week , 14-21st April

14th April, 2012

Congresbury Singers

Congresbury Singers are a choir for mixed voices with a membership of 45 persons. Their repertoire is wide and in the past two years, they have performed music from the American South, excerpts from Grand Opera G&S etc

21st April, 2012

Worle Wind Band

The band performs well known music ranging from, standard swing tunes, stage and screen and popular hits from the C20th

30th June, 2012, Society AGM

7th July, 2012, Wincombe Orchestra, details to be announced.



Yatton Music Society

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Members' Newsletter

January 2012



Chairman: Mr Michael Blackwell, 13 The Ridge, Yatton, Tel. 01934 838616

Chairman's New Year Greetings

We have had a good start to the 2011/2012 season starting with Allan Schiller's piano recital. This attracted an audience of 97 who much enjoyed Allan's playing and his anecdotes about his studies at the Moscow Conservatory in the early 1960's. Allan is now coming to the end of a glittering career but has lost none of his ability. Our next concert featured Hollie-anne Bangham [soprano] from Cleve together with three fellow students from the Royal Northern College of Music, Eleanor McIntosh [soprano], Graham McGusker [tenor], and Aidan Edwards [Bass-baritone]. These four young singers at the start of their careers delighted an audience of 92 with a wide variety of song. The singers were accompanied by Joanne Manning on the piano who coped admirably with the wide range of music. The final Autumn concert was given by Hayley Savage [guitar] who has played for us in earlier seasons, the last time with Roger Huckle [violin]. This was a concert with a difference with mainly South American music interspersed with slides and a talk about an expedition into the Amazon rain forest. This event was held in the Chapter House and was enjoyed by an audience of a little over 50,

Our first concert of 2012 will be on the 28th January when we will be pleased to welcome Sarah-Jane Bradley [viola] and her regular duo partner Anthony Hewitt [piano]. Sarah-Jane is one of the Country's leading viola players and this promises to be a feast of music making with sonatas by Mendelssohn, Delius and York Bowen, and shorter pieces by Delius and Prokofiev – two dances from his ballet 'Romeo and Juliet'. Please come and support this event the cost of which is subsidised by our grant from Yatton Parish Council.

The concert on the 25th February is to be given by the Weston Light Orchestra and Guests. The Light Orchestra have played for us several times, and always evoke memories of the good old days of light entertainment on the wireless! Following the sad death of Ron Tripp the orchestra is now conducted by Chris Manners. Come and enjoy some easy listening and the revival of happy memories for those of us who qualify for a bus pass.

The final concert of the main season is on the 31st March and will be given by Shelly Ezra [clarinet] and Jennifer Carter [piano]. Shelly was born in Israel and studied in Germany where she has given many recitals. Shelly has played at prestigious venues in the UK including the Wigmore Hall and the Barbican. Jennifer is a Bristolian and having completed her studies at the Guildhall School of Music is now on the staff there. This again promises to be a splendid concert with first class musicians.

Our mini festival featuring local artists takes place on the 14th and 21st April. On the 14th we will be entertained by the Congresbury Singers, a mixed voice choir with about 45 members who sing music ranging from Negro spirituals to grand opera. This is the singers first concert for the Society. On the 21st our concert will be given by the Worle Wind Band. The band performs a range of music from standard swing tunes to popular 20th century hits via music for stage and screen. This is the first time the band has played for the Society.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Chapter House on the 30th June and we hope as many as possible will attend. We are always looking for more members to serve on the committee, especially those not yet of pensionable age!

On the 7th July, a week after the A.G.M. the Winscombe Orchestra will be giving a concert for the Society. The Orchestra is about 50 strong and will be playing the Genoveva Overture by Schumann, the song cycle 'Les Nuits d'Ete' by Berlioz with the young soprano Jade Whymark as soloist, and the 4th Symphony of Brahms. The Orchestra will be conducted by Mark Gatheshill the Orchestra's young professional Director of Music. This is a new venture and we hope that it will be bursting not only with the sound of music but also with the audience.

Finally may I wish all our members good health and every happiness in 2012, and trust that you will find much to enjoy in our concert programme.

Mike Blackwell
Chairman