



Yatton Music Society

Charity No : 1024758

Newsletter : 1 March 2026



Dear YMS Member,



Welcome to the Members' Newsletter for March. These newsletters allow me to not only give you advance notice and a little more detail of future concerts, but they are an ideal vehicle to also provide members with additional general YMS news. This month I would like to cover firstly, a change to our charitable status, then our next concert on 28 March, and finally some news about our YMS website.



However, before those 3 topics I want to say a few words about our last concert on Sat 28 Feb. If you were unable to go to the concert you missed an excellent evening of musical entertainment, a Pocket Opera. A feast of guitars, flute, singing, violin, acting, story-telling and humour. CarmenCo brought brilliant musicianship together with a genuinely novel interpretation of the story of Carmen. If you missed this concert, I recommend trying to see this show at a later date. The group are local musicians and is the reason why the event was supported by the Paragon Music Trust, and I thank them for their support.

We have some good news about the charitable status of the YMS. As you are aware, the YMS is a registered charity (charity number 1024758) and has been since 1985. However, you may also remember that, at the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 5 July 2025, a case was put forward to our members to refresh and update our constitution, and at the same time by applying to the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW) to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A CIO is a legal entity under charity law (in a similar way that a Ltd company operates under company law). The trustees gained unanimous approval from the membership attending the AGM to seek CIO status. Work to apply for CIO status has been underway since the AGM.

I am pleased to inform you that we have now been granted CIO status as of 11 February 2026, with a new Charity Nos: 1216810. The YMS trustees are now putting all the detail in place with the CCEW and preparing for the change. The actual move to operate as a CIO cannot formally take effect until after a vote at the next AGM, to be held on 4 July 2026. Members will be asked to confirm acceptance of our CIO status which will enable the trustees to operate as a CIO under the new Governing Document (GD). The old charity will then be closed.

You can read the new GD (or Constitution) via the YMS website, where you will find the document under one of the main tab headings called 'Member Comms'.

I am also pleased to let you know that we are now registered with HMRC to receive Gift Aid. This enables the YMS to gain an uplift from HMRC, of 25% on top of any donation given (with the permission of the donor and if they are a UK taxpayer).



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**Our next event will be a Piano and Saxophone concert
on Sat 28 Mar 2026 at 7.30pm.**



Jonathan Pease (Piano) and Alastair Penman (Saxophone)

Programme

Pedro Iturralde

Pequeña Czarda

Erik Satie arr. Alastair Penman

Gymnopédie No. 1

Paul Mitchell-Davidson

Rage Against the Dying of the Light

Robert Planel

Prelude et Saltarelle

Claude Debussy arr. Alastair Penman

Beau Soir

Claude Debussy arr. Jenni Watson

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

Alastair Penman

Soar

----- *Interval* -----

Andy Scott

Three Letter Word

Richard Rodney Bennett

Four Country Dances:

1. A New Dance
2. Lady Day
3. The Mulberry Garden
4. Nobody's Jig

Amy Quate

Light of Sothis (1982)

1. Grace
2. Passion
3. Faith

Alastair Penman

Homeward

Jules Demersseman arr. Fred Hemke

Variations on Carnival of Venice

[Alastair Penman - Saxophonist, Clarinettist, Composer, Educator](#)



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News about our YMS Website. Recently, the committee has been developing and updating our website. Below is some background information on a few of these developments. You can always gain access to our website and read information about the YMS charity and our complete Annual Programme, at: <https://www.yms.org.uk/>

Next Concert. The Next Concert, with its programme, is usually uploaded a few weeks before the actual concert takes place, see: [Next concert – Yatton Music Society](#) The list of all concerts across our Annual Programme can always be found at: [Current season concerts – Yatton Music Society](#) The Annual Programme brochure (flyer), with its complete list of concerts, is always available at the concert venue. Please do take one if you don't have a brochure, or pick up another if you have misplaced yours.

AGM Concert (4 July 2026). At a recent Trustees' meeting we agreed to run a concert on the same evening as the AGM this year. The website now has some background information on this concert, see: [AGM concerts – Yatton Music Society](#) . I will be covering this AGM concert in much more detail in a later newsletter.

AGMs and EGMs. You can find some useful background information on General Meetings (that is, AGMs and EGMs), at: [General meetings – Yatton Music Society](#) I will provide much more detail on the **4 July AGM** as we get closer to that date, including supplying the final agenda at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

GoodHub. The YMS has registered with a Third-Party organisation called 'GoodHub'. They are based in Bath (an organisation similar to 'JustGiving' but local, accessible, and a lot less expensive). GoodHub will do much of the administrative work to support our fundraising, taking and recording donations, and the follow-up work with HMRC to claim Gift Aid, all whilst providing a monthly report to our treasurer. This makes the whole process simpler, and crucially secure when you donate.

Donations. To enable donations to be more easily and securely made by members of the public (whether YMS members or not), we have created a Donation page on the YMS website. This gives some background on why it is worthwhile making a donation to the YMS, before asking you to hit the Donate Button. This button will take you to the 'GoodHub' website which then handles the process securely from then on. **Please do think about giving a donation, you can do so here: [Donate – Yatton Music Society](#) For every £4 you give, HMRC will add an extra £1 (if you are a UK taxpayer).**

Free Monogrammed YMS Pen. Have you managed to get one of our free (to members) YMS monogrammed pens? Only available to members and only given out at concerts.



Best Wishes

Vince

YMS Chairman



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