



Yatton Music Society

Charity No : 1216810

Newsletter : 1 June 2026



Dear YMS Member,



Welcome to the Members' Newsletter for June. We held the last concert of our 2025/26 Annual Programme on Sat 16 May; a Piano and Clarinet duo given by Catherine Millege and Meg Davies. This was a very enjoyable concert full of wonderful melodies, mostly by French composers, but all of which were played beautifully.

As of 31 May we have reached the end of our 2025/26 Charity Commission year, Financial year, Annual Concert year, and Membership year, all of which run concurrently. The YMS trustees must now turn their attention to getting ready for our 2026/27 Annual Programme. This starts constitutionally on 1 June and the first formal event of the new YMS year will be the AGM on 4 July followed by a concert, to be given by:

'The Mandolinquents'

[Mandolinquents - Wikipedia](#)



The timetable for 4 July is as follows:

5pm – opening up and preparing the Chapter House at St Mary's Church.

5.30pm – 6.30pm YMS Annual General Meeting (AGM). We would like members to attend the AGM, but if your diary does not allow this early start, we do hope that you can nevertheless make the concert at 7.30pm.

6.30pm – 7.30pm Refreshments for those attending the AGM, and at the same time renewal of all YMS memberships for the new YMS Programme year 2026/27. For those who renew their membership at this point, and attend the Mandolinquents concert, the total cost will be £15 (would normally be £10 for membership and £10 for a members' concert ticket). If you cannot make the concert, membership can always be renewed before or at the next concert you attend for £10.

7.30pm – Mandolinquents concert.

This Newsletter will focus only on the 4 July concert. The agenda and other information needed for the AGM will be provided in a separate email containing all of the AGM information members will need. See also [General meetings – Yatton Music Society](#)



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The Mandolinquents' concert will feature not only brilliant musicians, but at the same time, it will be amusing and fun. We have not seen the Mandolinquents at the YMS since 2003, so it will be wonderful to catch up with them. The group approach their concert programming a little differently to the standard way in which classical ensembles set out their programmes. Dependent on

how the programming is going on the day, and its inter-related stories, a different path may be taken through their repertoire. Therefore, below represents most, but not all, of the music that could be played and as much of it will be performed as there is time available. We will of course fit in an interval to recuperate, take a drink, and a catch up with friends.

The 'MANDOLINQUENTS'

A Riot Of Music And Humour [Simon Mayor – words](#)

“Folk, jazz, swing, Grieg, Rimsky-Korsakov, Smetana – plus funny intros, wit and sparkle in this live set from the eclectic, virtuosic quartet.” **BBC Radio 2**

“Wicked and wonderful... the fabulous Mandolinquents!” **BBC Radio 3**

Find them at: [Simon Mayor & Hilary James - Mayor & James](#)



PROGRAMME

The Mandolinquents don't have a fixed programme, but will include many from this list of favourite pieces below:

The Typewriter (Leroy Anderson arr Mayor)

You may recognise the theme tune of the News Quiz, BBC Radio 4.

The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (Tchaikovsky arr Mayor)

The Wayfaring Stranger (American trad. arr Mayor/James/Collins)



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Si Bheag Si Mhor / Lord Inchiquin (Turloch O'Carolan arr Mayor)

Little Rabbit (American trad. arr Mayor)

Simon's fiddle accompanied by Richard's banjo.

Will You Come to the Bower (Moore arr Mayor)

This beautiful poem by Thomas Moore is set to a traditional tune.

Fireflies (Simon Mayor)

Mandolins and guitar accompany Hilary's voice on this evocative song.

Summer (Chinese trad arr Garcia)

A haunting melody arranged for mandolin and guitar duet.

Czardas (Monti arr Mayor)

Hijacked by violinists this famous piece was originally written for the mandolin.

Concerto for Mandolin, Movt 2 Andante (Vivaldi arr Mayor)

Summer (Chinese trad arr Garcia)

A haunting melody arranged for mandolin and guitar duet.

The Shearing's Not for You (Trad arr Mayor)

This sad and beautiful ballad comes from the English / Scottish borders.

The Buttermere Waltz (Mayor)

Inspired by teenage walking holidays in the Lake District.

The Piccolino (Berlin)

This Irving Berlin classic was inspired by both a heavy dose of 'Fred-and-Gingery' nostalgia and Simon and Richard wanting to try out some 'horn' arrangements on mandolins.

If Your Kisses Can't Hold the Man you Love (Vivien Ellis 1903-1996)

First sung in 1930 by Sophie Tucker but with an evergreen theme.



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Slavonic Dance #1 (Dvorak arr Mayor)

So much beautiful music wasn't originally written for mandolin but nevertheless lends itself to arrangement.

The Spider in the Shed (Mayor/James)

One of Simon and Hilary's stomach-churning children's songs.

I look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it to the concert and take advantage of our generous £5 Membership renewal offer.

Best Wishes

Vince

YMS Chairman



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