

September 2014

Dear Friend,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter for Friends of Music in Mayfield, keeping you up to date with events in and around Mayfield.

First we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of another spectacular Mayfield Festival of Music & the Arts earlier this year. Your assistance as a Friend is vital to the existence of the Festival and we very much hope you enjoyed the programme - the first to be designed by Jeremy in his role as Artistic Director – and in particular the range of events, from classical favourites to folk duo Spiers & Boden.

Looking ahead, we bring you news of some changes to the Festival Team. With 2014 marking an association spanning some 10 years, Deirdre Benians has retired from the Festival Board. The Board of Directors wish to express their enormous gratitude to Deidre for all her hard work in her role as Publicity Manager for five festivals and in particular, for the crucial part she played in the appointment of a new Artistic Director. Going forward we are delighted that Steve Swanton and Andrew Benians have been appointed Directors to the Board.

The next Mayfield Festival will take place from Friday 29th April to Sunday 8th May 2016. Please keep these dates in your diaries for now, and ask your friends and families to do the same.

For now we are delighted to enclose details of a number of events occurring in the remainder of 2014. In the spirit of the Mayfield Festival's intention to celebrate all facets of the arts, we have included in our listing below a slightly wider range of events taking place over the next few months.

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 25th September: King's Singers Concert at 7.30pm in St. Dunstan's Church. A fundraiser for Hospice in the Weald. Tickets are available from The Chiropodist and Podiatry Clinic, High Street, Mayfield (01435 873838).

October to May: Mayfield's Film Society, Film on Friday will be showing a number of films in the Mayfield Memorial Hall on a monthly basis. For all information see the website www.filmonfriday.org or call 01435 872165.

Sunday 12th October: The Lyric Guitar Trio featuring John Mills, his wife Cobie and Raymond Burley. 3.00pm in St. Leonards-Mayfield School Chapel. Music by Schumann, Hindemith, Granados, Boccherini, Turina and Machado. A fundraiser for Hospice in the Weald Tickets (£12) available from Rosina Fabrics, High Street, Mayfield (01435 873670).

Sunday 18th October: Organ Recital by James Thomas (former Head of Music at St. Leonards-Mayfield School). 6.00pm in St. Dunstan's Church. Tickets on the door.

Tuesday 21st October: Trafalgar Day Concert featuring the Royal Marines Association Concert Band with the Portsmouth Military Wives Choir. 7.30pm in St. Dunstan's Church. In support of the Royal British Legion. See the Mayfield Newsletter for the Box Office opening times in London House or phone Carole Stilwell 01435 873407.

Sunday 16th November: Mayfield Festival Choir's commemorative concert 'In Time of War' 7.30pm in St. Dunstan's Church. See enclosed/attached leaflet for full details. Members of FMM have a priority booking period until 9th October. Please use the leaflet for ordering.

Sunday 7th December: Christmas Carvery & Welte Organ Concert at Salomons, Tunbridge Wells. Resident Organist Kenneth Pont celebrates his 80th Birthday with a three course festive carvery and an organ concert in the Victorian Theatre.

Kenneth was co-founder of the Mayfield Festival, conductor of the Festival Choir and Director of Music at St Dunstan's and St. Leonards Mayfield School until his retirement in 2002. The Welte Organ at Salomons was recently restored and is unique since the German company which built the organ no longer exists, having been totally destroyed during the war. Tickets £29 per adult, £14.50 children aged 4-12, under 3s free of charge. Organ Concert only: £7.00 per adult, £3.50 children aged 4-12. To book call Salomons 01892 779650 / 01892 515152 or see www.salomons-estate.com

Saturday 7th February 2015: Etrusca – Music from around the Mediterranean. 7:30pm in St. Dunstan's Church. Robin Jeffrey, a much sought after lutenist and his Italian wife, the soprano, Alessandra Testai, will be giving a concert featuring music from Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and the Middle East, spanning the 16th to the 20th centuries. Robin will be playing a number of different, beautifully crafted lutes which will be on display for the audience to see during the refreshments interval. Tickets, at £15 including refreshments during the interval, are available from Annette Nabavi 01435 873476. All proceeds will go towards the Friends of St Dunstan's (Charity No. 1033737) to assist with the maintenance of the church where so much of Mayfield's music is heard.

And finally the **Annual General Meeting** of Friends of Music in Mayfield will be held at 6.15pm on Monday 10th November in Mayfield in London House, High Street, Mayfield. All welcome.

Yours sincerely

The Trustees