

Watford Philharmonic Society – Notices 20th September 2021

FORTHCOMING KEY DATES

Our **PRECONCERT WORKSHOP** is on **Saturday 9th October from 10am to 4pm** in **St Luke's Church, Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG**. Further details to follow next week.

The **AGM** is on **Monday 11th October at 7pm sharp**. The AGM papers, including nomination papers, will be posted on the website next weekend. There are six posts for nomination – Please see over for more details.

TRANSLATION OF THE *AVE VERUM CORPUS*

Here are the words of the *Ave Verum Corpus* for those of you who like to understand what they are singing.....

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine	Hail true body born of the Virgin Mary
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine	Who having truly suffered was sacrificed on the cross for mankind
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine	Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine	May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.

WATFORD COLOSSEUM

The Colosseum has been our performance venue more or less continuously since we gave its inaugural concert in 1940. It is currently closed to enable major repair and renovation work to take place as part of the exciting Town Hall Quarter redevelopment project outlined in the Borough Council's Cultural Strategy 2018 – 2025. Read more about the project here: https://www.watford.gov.uk/downloads/file/3084/watford_culturalstrategy_2019

We are unlikely to be able to return to the Colosseum before autumn 2023 but we are confident that the Grand Hall at Bushey Arena will be a very acceptable alternative. Our first concert there will be on **Saturday 23 October** when we will perform an all-Mozart programme to include the *Requiem*, *Ave Verum* and the *Jupiter* Symphony.

CONCERT TICKETS

There is no Box Office at the Arena so we have put ticket sales online at trybooking.com/uk/book/search/Watford. This was used very successfully for the Come Back & Sing workshop in July so we're confident that it will work well for all future ticket purchasing. For anyone unable to access the internet, we have set up a telephone Box Office on 07843 192016.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Revised rehearsal schedules for choir and orchestra, to take account of the rescheduled AGM and the new rehearsal time of 7.30 to 9pm without an interval for choir only, have been uploaded onto our website together with a revised list of **Rehearsal Resources**. The rehearsal time and duration will be reviewed at the end of 2021.

THE "WPC CHAIRS TEAM"!

Thank you to the six people who have come forward and offered to help to set up the hall safely for our rehearsals. Please will comply with the socially distanced seating plan they are responsible for. For your safety there are also four bottles of hand sanitizer located at strategic points around the room.

FUTURE WEEKLY NOTICES

Please note that all future weekly notices will be emailed to members on Sunday evenings as regularly as possible and also posted onto our website. We respectfully suggest that it is the responsibility of individual members to ensure that they check in advance of rehearsals to ensure that they are up to date with essential information.

https://watfordphilharmonic.co.uk/wp2019_B/2020/04/01/weekly-newsletters/

AGM

The Society's AGM will be held on **Monday 11th October** at the earlier start time of **7.00pm** at Watford Girls' Grammar School. Several essential committee posts will be up for election, including the key role of Publicity Manager left vacant following Pam's 'elevation' to Chairman earlier this year. Social Activities Co-ordinator has remained unfilled for several seasons and other posts are likely to become vacant in the next two seasons. We cannot run the Society without a team of people willing to share responsibility for its wide-ranging business and those of us who've been around for some time were beginning to feel a bit stretched pre-lockdown. Here is a list of this season's committee members with dates when their current 2-year period of office comes to an end. **An asterisk * signifies that a postholder is eligible for re-election – should they be prepared to put themselves forward for a further 2 year term!**

Post	Post-holder	Current term ends
Chair	Pam Allanson	October 2023
Vice-Chair	Judy Newton-Davies	October 2021 *
Secretary	Audrey Adams	October 2022
Treasurer	Paul Buckley	October 2022
Concert Manager	Frances Pyatt	October 2021 *
Publicity & Marketing Manager	Vacant	
Membership Secretary	Nikki Hind	October 2021 *
IT projects Manager	Tim Pettigrew	October 2021 *
Social Activities Co-ordinator	Vacant	

Co-opted

Rehearsals Manager: Margaret Burke

Orchestra Representative: Lindsey St John Smith

Ex-officio

Music Director: Michael Cayton

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Please let us know should you test positive in the next 14 days – members@watfordphilharmonic.co.uk