



THORNBURY ORCHESTRA

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Newsletter September 2018

Chairman's Note

Welcome back to the new orchestral term! My children never seem that keen to restart school after the summer but in contrast I'm really looking forward to getting started and working on our new programme. It should be a good one.

Like the other Chris, I'm really keen to build on the success of our film music concert in connecting our community to classical music.

This is one of our priorities as a committee but we aren't the only ones with good ideas – far from it. So please have a think and let us know how you think we could connect and engage a broader audience with the wonders of music, especially the young.

After all, they are our future, even if they're not quite so keen as us to get to work in September!

Chris White-Horne
Chairman

Conductor's note

I'm looking forward to this coming season. Our film music concert and the Vaughan-Williams were a demonstration of the versatility and musicianship of the members. This season we look forward to Beethoven with both lyrical and dance elements. Also we have our first rehearsal day which will be an opportunity to socialise (and I hope, eat cake) as well as increase our understanding of playing together. We continue to look for community involvement ideas and have a few rattling around in the committee – watch this space.

Next year we have a sea themed concert in aid of RNLI. Mostly 20th Century British, we will have pieces by Bax, Elgar and Britten. I think there will be some challenges in this programme but I know that we can rise to them.

Chris Hill
Conductor

Committee News

We have been discussing extra opportunities for the orchestra. Some of the options suggested so far have been: orchestral days with external coaching, a rehearsal weekend or a residential social. We are also looking at ways to engage with our local community.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please let Vicky (1st violins) know either at orchestra on a Wednesday or email Vicky.anne.1@googlemail.com.

Facebook

The orchestra does have a Facebook page. Please let your friends, family and colleagues know. We post concert updates and interesting articles so for anyone who is a Facebook user, it is a good way to stay in touch. Our Page is <https://facebook.com/thornburyorchestra>

Next Concert

The Next Concert is Saturday 24th November 2018. Details of time etc will be circulated separately.

Music Committee

The music committee meets regularly to discuss future programmes.

The next couple of concerts are already planned but if you have any music you would love the orchestra to play or a concert theme suggestion, please let one of the committee know. The music committee is Chris Hill, Janet Lewis, Vicky Jones, David Bickley, Helen Barry and Adrian Juggins.

GDPR

If you haven't done so already, please can you complete a membership form and either email or print it and hand it to Vicky.



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Rehearsal Day

As discussed last term, the rehearsal day is on 21st October 2018 at Turnberries in Thornbury. It will be a fab day of playing and getting to know each other better. More details on timings etc to follow.

Diary Dates

Next Concert – 24th November 2018, then 9th June 2019

Rehearsals – 2018

Whole Orchestra 05/09, 19/09, 03/10, 17/10, 24/10, 7/11, 14/11, 21/11

Sectionals 26/09 Strings, 10/10 Woodwind

Rehearsal day 21st October 2018

2019 -2020

Whole Orchestra 09/01, 23/01, 06/02, 13/02, 27/02, 06/03, 20/03, 03/04, 24/04, 08/05, 22/05, 05/06, Concert 09/06

04/09, 18/09, 02/10, 16/10, 23/10, 06/11, 20/11, 27/11, 11/12, 08/01/2020, 15/12/2020 Jan 2020 concert TBC

Sectionals 30/01, 13/03, 27/03, 01/05, 15/05, 25/09, 09/10, 13/11

Committee

The orchestra committee meets regularly. If you have anything you wish the committee to consider, please let one of them know.

Chairman
Treasurer
Concert Manager
Leader & Librarian
Secretary
Publicity

Chris White-Horne
Jackie Gumb
Naomi Sargent
Janet Lewis
Vicky Jones
Juliet Miller
Guy Halley
Ken Mitchell
Chris Hill

Member
Conductor

Section Reps

If you can't make a rehearsal or performance, please let your section rep know.

Violins, Violas & Cellos	Janet Lewis - 01454 853444(H) 07518 351408 (Mob)
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