



### Festival Newsletter, February 2017

Following the successful season last year, which concluded with a packed church for a concert of Mozart, Puccini and a Schubert quintet, we are looking forward to a similar buzz and exciting music-making this July. Together with the Allegri Quartet another varied repertoire has been chosen – there is classical chamber music from Haydn, Mozart and Brahms, but we think that the pieces by Barber and Dvorak have not been played before at the Festival. Strauss's Capriccio sextet was last played in 2004.

#### **2017 concert dates and programme**

Concerts will be on the last two weekends of July, in St Myllin's Church.  
The programme is as follows:

##### **21 July**

Haydn: String quartet no.67 in F, Op. 77 no. 2 (Lobkowitz)  
Mozart: String quartet no. 22 in B flat K 589 (2nd Prussian)  
Ravel: String Quartet in F

##### **23 July**

Haydn: String quartet no. 31 in B minor, Op 33 No 1 (Russian)  
Barber: Adagio for strings  
Schubert: String Quartet no. 15 in G, D 887

##### **28 July**

Mozart: String Quartet No 14 in G, K 387  
Beethoven: String quartet no. 2 in G, Op. 18 No 2  
Dvorak: String quartet no. 10 in E flat, Op. 51

##### **30 July**

Mozart: String Quintet No 5 in D, K 593  
Strauss: String Sextet from Capriccio  
Brahms: String Sextet No 1 in B flat, Op 18

#### **Tickets: book Early Bird tickets for price savings**

Ticket prices are being held at the same rate as 2015 and 2016.

Early Bird tickets, available until the end of May, are £15. The price after that date will be £19, (concessions £17) so be sure to book in time to benefit from the reduction.

#### ***Even more discount when you book all four concerts***

If you book an Early Bird ticket for all four concerts at the same time the cost is £54, a saving of some 10%.

***Early Bird tickets are only available by post from the Festival Ticket Officer.*** Write to Llanfyllin Music Festival Ticket Officer, Farthings, Fox Lane, West Felton, Oswestry, SY11 4JU

and include your cheque (payable to Llanfyllin Festival Association) and SAE. ***Please note that the tickets may not be sent out (or your cheque banked) till early April.***

Tickets will be available from other outlets later in the year.

#### **Festival Supporters' Scheme: Friends, Benefactors, Sponsors**

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We are particularly grateful to The Derek Hill Foundation, the Martineau Family Charity, and Sponsor Judy Greaves, sculptor, for their continued support. To find out more about Judy's work, visit her website [www.judygreaves.co.uk](http://www.judygreaves.co.uk).

You can contribute to the Festival by becoming a Friend, Benefactor or Sponsor. Details of the subscription scheme are attached, together with a form to post back to the Festival Treasurer. Even better, if you are able to commit to a Standing Order your contribution will help in future years too – our thanks to those of you who already pay by standing order.

#### **Gift Aid**

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#### **Publicity flyers**

Leaflets with the programme, ticket prices and booking form will be distributed in the spring; if you would like a batch to distribute to friends, colleagues, or musical venues I will be happy to send them to you.

#### **Advertisers welcome**

If you run a local business and would like to advertise in the Festival brochure or concert programme please contact me at the email address at the end of this newsletter. We distribute some 3,000 Festival flyers throughout the Borders and Shropshire during April – June. The concert programmes sell to people like you – discerning audience members who enjoy classical music.

I look forward to welcoming you to Llanfyllin this summer. Meanwhile, don't forget the Whittington Festival, this May, on the theme of "Beethoven in the Borders"

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