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NEWSLETTER

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Summer has arrived!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. I hope you've all been enjoying the wonderful weather over the TT fortnight. Frank and I have been in the Cotswolds taking advantage of splendid walking conditions. IOMSO is busy preparing for its Summer Concert in St. Ninian's Church on Saturday, 15th July with Graham Kirkland at the helm. I think the orchestra is really enjoying this term's repertoire, so I hope the audience will like it too. Read on for more details.

A Greeting from Graham.

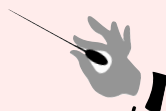
With five rehearsals remaining after the TT break, I believe we are well placed to give a top-class performance in the July concert.

During the past few weeks, the full extent of Schubert's musical genius and orchestral craftsmanship have been revealed in the third symphony, completed just a few months after his eighteenth birthday. There's a wealth of colourful detail to include which has brought the music to life for us.

The orchestral scoring of the Bruch Violin Concerto is no mere accompaniment to the soloist; there are many wonderful melodic lines for each section of the orchestra to enjoy. When Katie adds the solo part from Wednesday 12th July, it will be the icing on the cake.

Technically difficult they may be, but everyone has risen to the challenge of the Weber and Dag Wren. It's all coming together very nicely. I'm enjoying it - I hope you are too!

Graham



Soloist Katie Jackson



Here's a photo of Katie, our soloist for the Max Bruch.

I know she is looking forward to performing with us again. A few of you might remember her playing the

Barber Concerto with us back in 2007 while she was still a student!

Concert Dates for your Diaries.

Saturday 15th July : Summer Concert
(Conductor Graham Kirkland)

St. Ninian's Church : 7.30pm

Sunday 3rd December : Gala Concert
(Conductor Maurice Powell)

Villa Marina : 2.30pm

Saturday 9th March 2024 : Spring Concert
(Conductor Graham Kirkland)

Venue t.b.c. : 7.30pm

Saturday 13th July 2024 : Summer Concert
(Conductor Nigel Harrison)

Venue t.b.c. : 7.30pm

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Rehearsal Schedule 2023

June 14th, 21st, 28th : St. Johns : 7.30

* July 5th: NO REHEARSAL *

July 12th : St. Johns : 7.30

July 14th (Friday) : St. Ninian's Church : 7.30

July 15th (Sat) : St. Ninian's CONCERT : 7.30

* SUMMER HOLIDAYS! *

Sept 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th : St. Johns : 7.30

October 4th, 11th, 18th : St. Johns : 7.30

Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th : St. Johns : 7.30

Dec 2nd (Sat) : St. Andrews (t.b.c.) : 2.30

Dec 3rd(Sun): Villa Marina: 10am (Rehearsal)
2.30pm CONCERT



Welcome to our new members

We have been blessed this term with an influx - almost a stampede! - of violinists.

Returning after a break we welcome Gemma Sutton back to the fold.

Recently moved to the Island we welcome newcomers Meng Bernhardt, John Stillman and Liliya Khakimova.

IOMSO must now be classed as a multi-national orchestra, having members not only from all parts of the UK and Isle of Man, but also from South Africa, Japan, China and Russia!

Let's hope our new members enjoy the experience and stay with us for the long term.

Summer Concert, St. Ninian's Church, Saturday, 15th July 7.30pm



Rehearsals are well under way for our Summer concert with conductor Graham Kirkland.

There are plenty of challenges for everyone, especially the 1st violins! We are now really looking forward to playing the Max Bruch with our violin soloist Katie Jackson - a real home-grown talent. Born and brought up on the Isle of Man, Katie played in the Manx Youth Orchestra, becoming

leader before she left to study music at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Guildhall in London. She is now in the 1st violin section of the Hallé Orchestra and we are privileged to have her playing with us.

Tickets are on sale in Bridge Bookshops in Ramsey and Port Erin, and at Morrison Photos, Bucks Road, Douglas. Alternatively contact Janet Warburton : email jw-iomso@wm.im or phone 462898 with your requirements and pay online.

This promises to be a wonderful concert. Don't miss it!

Change of occupation!

Now that Nigel Harrison has retired as a consultant at Nobles Hospital, he has a new job. He's gone from being a conductor of an orchestra to working as a Guard on the Isle of Man Steam Railway. Here he is dressed for work!

