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FRMS 75TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 Rochdale on Saturday 22 October

This is the meeting when the FRMS meets formally to review its year, approve its finances and elect its officials and Committee members for the coming year. It is also a good social occasion with a dinner and a musical entertainment.

This year it is a very special celebration. Put the date in your diary and represent your society at this event. Booking forms will be issued later in the year.

YORKSHIRE REGION MUSIC WEEKEND Scarborough 25 to 28 March 2011

The Crown Spa Hotel overlooks the North Sea with local and central shopping areas in walking distance. Illustrated talks will include Basil Tschaikoff: *Making Music with Legends*, Geoffrey Kinder: *Talking with Composers*, Christopher Fifield: *Max Bruch - Beyond the Violin Concerto*, our guest CD company will be SOMM Recordings, Michael Aston will talk about the music of Charles Ives, Sue Parker will focus on British music and our President, Lyndon Jenkins, will be in charge of Sunday evening.

FRMS MUSICAL WEEKEND Daventry 15 to 17 April 2011

The Federation's Musical Weekend will again be held in the Barceló Daventry Hotel. This is a special year because it is the Federation's 75th Anniversary, founded in 1936.

The programme, features a Masterclass with the Ukrainian pianist, Sasha Grynyuk, who also gives a recital with Polish violinist Alicya Smietana. Notable guests include Howard Shelley, Thomas Trotter and David Owen Norris; Jon Tolansky and John Lucas will remember Thomas Beecham, Britain's greatest-ever conductor. As always, it will be a good place to meet, to share friendships and to enjoy music together.

www.thefrms.co.uk

Is your Society's programme on the FRMS Website?

You don't have to be a computer expert to promote your Society on the FRMS Website because **George Steele**, our Webmaster, is there to do it for you. Just send him your programme details, by e-mail or letter, and he will do the rest.

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Welcome to another edition of the Newsletter. At this year's Annual General Meeting the Federation will celebrate its **75th Anniversary**. This is not only a great achievement, it is a fine tribute to those who have led our organisation in the past and enabled us to look forward to renewed life, even in this world of mass-communications and ever-changing technology. However you care to define our individual societies, our *raison d'être* is to listen, to explore and to enjoy music and, as we have shown, to be able to adapt to the enormous changes that have occurred from 78s to ipods and beyond.

There are a good number of societies with significant anniversaries this year, led by **Rochdale**, the hosts of this year's AGM, who exceed even the FRMS and celebrate 80 years of music-listening. We highlight a significant anniversary for the **Delius Society** and remind you that there is still time to book for the Musical Weekends at **Daventry** and **Scarborough**.

Our profile is of the Treasurer, **Graham Kiteley** and looks at his present job, the work he is going to continue with and the things he would like to delegate to someone new.

PROFILE: Graham Kiteley, FRMS Treasurer

Graham Kiteley is a Chartered Secretary by qualification but "spent a lifetime" in company accounting and administration in the carpet industry, sand and gravel extraction, building and civil engineering, plant hire and finally twenty five years in electric motor manufacture. He did his duty "for Queen and Country" in the early 60s when he did his National Service in the Royal Air Force.

He took early retirement in 2001, anticipating a quiet existence, but succumbed to persuasion to become Vice-Chairman of the Federation in October 2002. He changed roles in 2003 to fill the very unexpected but important vacancy as Treasurer and has done a magnificent job ever since. Graham is responsible for the management of the Federation's finances, he reports to the committee, the affiliates and to the authorities, and he also manages the centralised licensing and insurance schemes and invoices societies for their annual affiliation fees, PRS/PPL charges and insurance premiums. These jobs are central to the FRMS and provide a real financial benefit to member societies.



For the past eight years, Graham has also been the organiser of the national Daventry Musical Weekend, which he would now like to pass on to someone else. He has been Chairman of the Classical Music Society in Kidderminster for most of its forty odd years' existence.

SITUATION VACANT

After eight years, Graham Kiteley is standing down as Musical Weekend Organiser and, in order to maintain continuity for this important Federation event, we require someone with the necessary skills and interests to take over this function.

Briefly, the role involves planning and assembling the music programme in conjunction with the President and others, communicating with the presenters and providing continuity at the event itself.

There are financial guidelines to help in planning the Weekend. The role also involves liaison with the chosen hotel, although the actual booking of rooms and food requirements is handled by another administrator.

If you would like further information please contact the FRMS Secretary, 01782 251460, secretary@thefrms.co.uk. The Weekend Organiser is a very important job and if you are interested we would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

MUSIC MATTERS (4)

In the last issue I concentrated my thoughts on British Music and, appropriately, the Federation has recently been in contact with the Delius Society who are, in 2012, preparing to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth in 1862.

They would like this event to be recognised as widely as possible and, to this end, offer speakers and advice to FRMS affiliates. I can do no better than to quote the Delius Society's information and the kind offer made by Vice-Chairman Michael Green:

FREDERICK DELIUS - 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2012. Join in the celebrations!

Concerts, events and a large number of new recordings are already being planned in honour of this remarkable and individual Bradford-born composer. A true cosmopolitan, greatly influenced by the places he visited, particularly Florida, Scandinavia and France where he finally settled, Delius composed in all forms - operas, orchestral, choral, concertos, chamber works and songs.

Please do include some Delius when planning your programmes and let us know how we can help. We have a number of experienced speakers in the Society who could provide you with a programme for one of your meetings, perhaps on '*Delius, his life and music*' or on some other Delius-related subject.

Please let us know how we can support you and tell us about any planned Delius talks or events so that we can promote them via our informative new website www.delius.org.uk and our Society journals. For more information please contact Michael Green, ViceChairman@TheDeliusSociety.org.uk.

That sounds a very attractive offer and it will give a good start to your programme planning for 2012. Over to you, programme secretaries.

Tony Pook

ANNIVERSARIES IN 2011

We are very pleased to record the following significant anniversaries in 2011. It takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure the continued success of any organisation and we offer best wishes and sincere congratulations to all concerned.

10th Anniversary

Ross-on-Wye Classical Music Society

20th Anniversary

Chichester Jazz Club, Thurso RMS
Forest RMC (Nomansland)

25th Anniversary

Hove Music & Record Society

30th Anniversary

Arundel RMS and Warminster RMS

40th Anniversary

Swinton, Goudhurst and Guisborough RMSs

45th Anniversary

West Wickham RMS

50th Anniversary

Ruislip GS and Heston & District RMS

60th Anniversary

The Elgar Society

65th Anniversary

Bournemouth GS, Brentwood RMS, Cambridge MC,
Cromer Society (RM Section), Darlington RMS,
Great Yarmouth RMC, Huddersfield RMS,
Ipswich RMS, Norwich MS and Sunbury MC

70th Anniversary

Bath RMS, Worcester RMS

75th Anniversary

Liverpool Opera Circle, The FRMS

80th Anniversary

Rochdale Gramophone Society

REGIONAL DAYS

CENTRAL REGION

Saturday 5th November, Quinborne CC, Ridgacre Road, Quinton, B32 2TW

A date for your diaries. Details will be circulated to all societies.

SCOTTISH GROUP

Saturday 7th May, The Smith Museum and Art Gallery, Dumbarton Road, Stirling

Sir Thomas Beecham, 50 Years On - Graham Melville-Mason, Dvořák Society

The Orchestral Song - Dr George Fyfe of St Fillans RMS

YORKSHIRE REGION

Saturday 15th October, New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield

Chuck 'em again, Charlie, an affectionate tribute to Sir Charles Mackerras - Peter Smart

A Brief History of the Wiggly Line - Jim Bostwick

The Gramophone Cover Disc - Gone but not forgotten - Tony Haywood

All speakers are members of Huddersfield RMS

RECRUITMENT

A FINAL THOUGHT. Have you told your friends, relatives and acquaintances about your Society? If you don't tell them about the good music you hear, who will?