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## Can you help us?

By becoming a Friend of WCS, to enable us to continue presenting concerts of the highest standards using professional soloists and orchestras. Details of benefits and the application form are overleaf.

## Will you join us?

New members are welcome and all applicants are given a short informal voice test. The choir rehearses every Monday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Drake House, St George's Road, Wimbledon. For further details please contact the Membership Secretary on 020 8949 1320 or email [membership@wimbledon-choral.org.uk](mailto:membership@wimbledon-choral.org.uk).

## Can we help you?

- Promotional Events
- TV & Radio Incidental Music
- Corporate Entertainments
- Sponsorship Opportunities

We have experience in all of the above fields, using groups of between 20 and 150 singers. Contact The Press & Publicity Officer, 50-51 High Street, London, SW19 5AX. Telephone: 020 8605 2266 Email: [publicity@wimbledon-choral.org.uk](mailto:publicity@wimbledon-choral.org.uk)

## Why Wimbledon Choral Society?

- We are a dynamic and committed group dedicated to producing musical events of the highest standards with a view to broadening both our own horizons and those for whom we perform.
- We regularly form the main chorus for the televised Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall and often supply singers for recordings of BBC1's Songs of Praise.
- Our dedication and professional approach has led to invitations to participate in several significant national sporting events, notably our recording of the Football World Cup theme music for the BBC and ensuing TV appearances as well as a pre-match performance at Wembley Stadium for the Rugby League Cup Final.
- Our repertoire is extensive and versatile, embracing traditional works alongside contemporary and popular music.

As well as promoting its own concerts the choir is regularly invited to provide choral accompaniment to several of Britain's leading orchestras, which is a testament to the quality of our musical abilities.

The Society is recognised as one of the finest and most flexible amateur choral societies in the South East and is constantly seeking to demonstrate its excellence as borne out by the following comments made by concert-goers:

*"With the rare strength of the voices that make up the Wimbledon Choral Society, the audience is always sure of an artistic and exciting performance of the highest quality."*

*"The singing, I thought, was matchless ... all of it was impeccably done and the most intense moments truly unforgettable."*

[www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk](http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk)



## WIMBLEDON CHORAL SOCIETY

### Choral Season 2009 - 2010

#### President

Ian Partridge CBE

#### Musical Director

Neil Ferris BMus (Hons) ARCM MMus

#### Assistant Musical Director

Norman Harper MA FRCO(CHM) ADCM ARCM

#### Accompanist

Michael Higgins BMus(Hons) PGDip LRAM

# Wimbledon Choral Society

Welcome to a new era with Wimbledon Choral Society in this first season with Neil Ferris as our Musical Director. Neil is much in demand as a choral conductor with other choirs. Wimbledon Choral Society is now regarded as one of the finest non-professional choirs in South East England, with invitations to perform with some of Britain's leading orchestras and participate in high profile national events. Membership continues to be at consistently high levels, regularly attracting new members across all age ranges. All the concerts this season are in venues with unreserved seating, so please consider becoming a Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society which, amongst other benefits, entitles you to reserved seating as well as a discount on the season ticket.

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## Concert Season Programme

### Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore SW7

**Saturday 7th November 2009, 2pm & 7pm**

Public tickets are available for the 2pm performance only.

**Box Office:** 020 7589 8212 (Royal Albert Hall)

### In Excelsis - a celebratory concert of music [F] [S] for choir & brass - Southwark Cathedral, London SE1

**Saturday 21st November 2009, 7.30pm**

First concert with Neil Ferris. Music by Parry, Rutter (*Gloria*), Walton and Patterson (*Magnificat*). Accompanied by Brass Ad Astra.

**Tickets:** £15 (Main Nave)

£10 (Side Nave, limited view), £10 (Students)

**Box Office:** 020 8605 2266

**E-tickets:** [wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets)

### Carols for Choir & Audience [F] St. Paul's Church, Southfields

**Saturday 19th December 2009, 7pm**

This is a very popular event with St. Paul's filled to capacity so please book early to avoid disappointment. Interval reception for Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society.

**Tickets:** £13, £8 (Under 16s)

£34 (Family: 2 adults, 2 children) - includes programme

**Box Office:** 020 8605 2266

**E-tickets:** [wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets)

### Elgar - The Kingdom [F] [S] Guildford Cathedral

**Saturday 27th March 2010, 7.30pm**

With the New Queen's Hall Orchestra. This work is considered by some, including Sir Adrian Boult, as Elgar's finest choral work containing some of his most stirring and inspirational music.

**Tickets:** £20 (Front Nave)

£15 (Back Nave & West Gallery), £10 (Students)

**Box Office:** 01483 444789 (Electric Theatre)

**E-tickets:** [wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets)

For bookings of parties over 10 please telephone 020 8605 2266

### Music for a Summer Evening [F] [S] St. John's Church, Waterloo SE1

**Saturday 12th June 2010, 6pm**

Includes Tippett's *Spirituals* from *A Child Of Our Time* and music from American composers Whitacre (*Sleep*), Lauridsen, Shearing and Gershwin (*Porgy and Bess*). **Please note the earlier start time.**

**Tickets:** £15, £12, £10 (Students)

**Box Office:** 020 8605 2266

**E-tickets:** [wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets)

### Quiz Evening with William G Stewart Drake House, St. George's Road, Wimbledon

**Monday 14th June 2010, 7.30pm**

Bring your own wine and soft drinks for a really entertaining evening.

**Tickets:** £7 (including sandwich baguette)

**Box Office:** 020 8605 2266

**Email:** [tickets@wimbledon-choral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@wimbledon-choral.org.uk)

### Box Office information for all WCS promoted concerts:

Tickets are available from choir members, or:

**Telephone:** 020 8605 2266

Wimbledon Choral Society dedicated line

**E-tickets:** [www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets](http://www.wimbledon-choral.org.uk/tickets)

all major debit/ credit cards accepted

### Season Tickets for concerts marked [S]:

£45 (top price only) for three concerts (excludes Christmas Concert) are available from choir members or from the Box Office. (£42 for Friends of WCS)

### Tickets for Friends with reserved seating - marked [F]:

Tickets should be booked via the Box Office or through choir members - please mention that you are a Friend when booking.

# Friends of Wimbledon Choral Society

Wimbledon Choral Society values the help of its Friends very highly. There is no doubt that their loyal support and financial contribution is invaluable to an amateur choir such as ours, enabling us to put on outstanding concerts with excellent soloists and orchestras. Please help us to keep up this standard by becoming a Friend.

### Benefits:

- Reserved seating at all **four** concerts
- Discount on Season ticket price
- Free entry to choral workshop
- Invitation to Christmas concert interval drinks
- **All Friends of WCS are credited in every programme**

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Address:

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Would like to become a Friend of Wimbledon Choral Society.

Enclosed is my / our annual donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Aid:** please tick the appropriate box

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ \_\_\_\_\_ as a Gift Aid donation.

**OR**

Please treat all gifts of money that I have made to Wimbledon Choral Society over the past 6 years, and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration, as Gift Aid donations.

I note that I must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax Wimbledon Choral Society reclaims on my donations, and will notify Wimbledon Choral Society if I no longer pay sufficient tax.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send donations from £25.00 to:

**Amanda Hamlyn, Wimbledon Choral Society**  
**35 Alverstone Avenue, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 8BD.**  
Email: [friends@wimbledon-choral.org.uk](mailto:friends@wimbledon-choral.org.uk)

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