

SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS – OFFICERS’ REPORTS, FEBRUARY 2014

Secretary’s Report

Our President, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, was appointed a Companion of Honour in the New Honours, joining other musical Companions Dame Janet Baker and Sir Harrison Birtwistle. I had the pleasure of a chance meeting with Sir Peter at the Royal Festival Hall in October and conveyed good wishes on behalf of the Society. The photo shows Sir Peter with the RFH Organ Curator, William McVicker.



There have been three recent changes of Branch Secretary: April Munday has taken over from Penny Smith at Wessex Branch, Marcia Lemon from Susan Broatch at Newcastle Branch, and Eileen Taylor from Franzeska Ewart at Glasgow Branch. Grateful thanks to those stepping down, and a warm welcome to those taking over.

To date a total of 20 Pastoral Visits have been approved for 2013/14, and one for 2014/15. The final 4 Jubilee Playing Days, eligible for £150 grant, were held between September and December 2013.

Mike Wilkinson

Training Officer's report

The table below shows workshops booked over the last couple of years. The workshops are appreciated and enjoyed by the branches that organise them, as is demonstrated by the number of branches which have held more than one. The number of workshops available is also increasing and there is a possibility that jazz improvisation will soon be added to the list.

Date	Course	Tutor	Branch	Organiser
March 2012	Intm. Conduct	MU	Leicester	J. Scott
March 2012	Tudor Dance	C&JS	Wessex	M. Steele
June 2012	Technique	HH	Sheffield	J. Ellin
Oct 2012	English Baroque	EN	Bristol	S. Davies
Nov 2012	Intm. Conduct	MU	Cambridge	V. Morris
Nov 2012	Begin Conduct	MU	Cheltenham	J. Checketts
Jan 2013	Technique	ES	Nottingham	S. Allen
Mar 2013	Unbarred	ES	Wessex	M. Steele
Mar 2013	English Baroque	EN	Cambridge	J. Bourne
Apr 2013	Begin Conduct	MU	Sheffield	J. Ellin
Apr 2013	Begin Conduct	MU	Norfolk	C. Levien
Oct 2013	Gabrieli Canzonas	PT	Cambridge	J. Bourne
Nov 2013	English Baroque	EN	Suffolk	M. Usher
March 14	English Baroque	EN	Oxford	H. Bogisch-Francis
April 14	English Baroque	EN	Durham	D. Rollason
June 14	Tudor Day	MU	Sheffield	J. Ellin
Sept/Oct 14	Tudor Dance	C&JS	Notts	A. Richardson

April Munday

COS Secretary's Report

Current membership figures (with figures from February 2013 for comparison):

	Ordinary	Household	Student	Life	Total
UK	48 (47)	8 (10)	0 (0)	10 (10)	66 (67)
Rest of Europe	13 (11)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	15 (13)
Rest of World	6 (5)	6 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	13 (8)
Totals	67 (63)	16 (14)	0 (0)	11 (11)	94 (88)

Corporate Members: 3(3) 1 more hasn't, as yet, responded to reminders.

Orchestras and affiliated groups: 16(17) 1 more hasn't, as yet, responded to reminders.

Sandra Foxall

Moeck/SRP Competition Administrator's Report

I have written a review of the 2013 Competition and this is due to be published in the Spring issue of the *Recorder Magazine*. The dates for the 2014 Greenwich Early Music Festival are Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 November, so the recital by the 2013 winner, Anne-Suse Enßle, is likely to be on Friday 14 November. At the suggestion of the previous administrator, I am in the process of approaching Bart Spanhove, Jeremy West and Steven Devine to be the adjudicators for 2015. I am also looking into the possibility of online entries for the competition.

Sarah Langdon

Gift Aid Report

It is hoped that by the time the Committee meets a Claim will have been submitted to HMRC for the year from September 1 2012 to August 31 2013. Claims cannot be submitted until after the close of the financial year in case extra gifts are obtained. It is appreciated that the majority of subscriptions are paid at the beginning of the year.

The information from branches did not reach me until the end of August last year. This delayed the work on producing the claim. At the time that this report is being prepared there remain questions to be resolved with 11 Branches.

On the basis of the preliminary figures collated, £20,281.50 will have been received which will be eligible for Gift Aid. This should produce a figure to be received from HMRC of £5,070.42. The equivalent figures for the previous year are £18,274.00 and £4,568.50 respectively.

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