



SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

To the Members of the SRP Essex Branch 12 September 2020

Dear Friends,

As you know, the AGM took place last Saturday 5 September, and our thanks to all those of you who attended. We had of course also organised the Andrew Collis recital on the same day and we hope that you enjoyed it.

At the moment there is no prospect of meeting at St George's in the near future, so we plan to carry on with our zoom meetings organised by Madeline and Judith as well as the occasional recital.

For the information of those who could not attend the AGM I would like to tell you that the committee, consisting of Madeline as MD, Liz as treasurer, Christine in charge of the music library, Annelies as secretary and Janet as a member has been re-elected. Adrienne has resigned and we are still in search of a media secretary, so any volunteers are most welcome.

Liz has written the following proposal regarding the fees,

In the first instance, we are asking members to pay £25.00, (£37.50 for household membership) being the non-negotiable portion required by SRP national. Once we have a better idea of our activities later in the year, and thus our projected expenditure, we will probably need to ask for a second instalment, although it is unlikely to be the full £25.00 per person extra.

To pay by BACS, please use the sort code 54-21-25 and account number 25925725, with your surname as a reference; the account is held in the name of Society of Recorder Players Essex branch.

If you prefer to pay by cheque, please send it to me, Liz Day, at 3 Oakleigh Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1RP and I will pay it in at my local branch. Please make cheques payable to Society of Recorder Players Essex branch.

Whichever way you pay, we would be most grateful if you could indicate whether or not your gift aid status has changed.

Thank you, Liz Treasurer

We hope that you will continue to be loyal to our Branch in the hope of better times to come.

Our next Branch-zoom meeting will take place on 3 October at 2:30 pm, (the visit by guest conductor Michael Graham that we had planned has been postponed hopefully to next year). Information about the programme will be provided later.

We also received an offer from Stephanie Sutherland (E. Berkshire Branch) to share in the Michelle Holloway's zoom recital that they are organising, also on 3 October at 2:30 pm. This will be charged at £7.50 p.p. for guests. If you wish to attend the concert, please email Stephanie at sutherland_marlow@msn.com and then she can put you on the list. The fee of £7.50 can be paid into the East Berks Branch bank account as follows:
The Society of Recorder Players East Berks Branch
Sort Code: 30-95-36
Account: 00272793
Please put your name as the reference
If you wish to pay by cheque let Stephanie know and she can send you the address for posting.

Finally, we have some sad news to share:
MARGARET SIMONS

Members, especially those who have been with us for a long time, will be sad to hear of the death of Margaret Simons. She was well into her 90s. She was a founder member of the branch, and a committee member for many years in the role of Courses (Playing Days) Organiser. She was involved in the organisation of the SRP National Festivals which we organised in 1985 and 2005, and our 20th anniversary weekend at Wansfell College in 1998.

Margaret retired from playing about ten years ago, and has been in a care home for about five years. A card will be sent to Roy on behalf of the branch – once again it's a shame we can't all sign it.



I wish you all good health and hope to see you at the next zoom meeting,
Annelies