**THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS**

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**ESSEX BRANCH**

**NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2014**

****The Newsletter is issued three times a year - in March, August, and November.

Meetings are held at St. George's Church Hall, Ongar Road, Brentwood, CM15 9HR, usually on the first Saturday of each month (except August) 2.30 - 5.30 pm.

**DECEMBER 6th - Christmas Playing Day**

Playing sessions from 11 – 1 and 2 – 5. Come for the whole day or as much as you can.

Coffee will be available from 10.30, soup, bread and butter at lunchtime, and mince pies in the afternoon. There will be a charge of just £2.50 for refreshments. It would help with the catering if you would let Caroline know ([essex@srp.org.uk](mailto:essex@srp.org.uk)) if you intend coming for lunch.

We have some second hand music for sale in aid of the Walter Bergman fund, and if you have any music or related items you would like to donate for sale in aid of branch funds we’ll have a separate sales table for that.

If it’s not too soon to get the Christmas decorations out, bring a piece of tinsel for your music stand.

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| Praetorius | Gaudete Omnes | SSAATB | Alex Ayre M.D.133 |
| Guerrero | Duo Seraphim | SSAT/SATB/SATB | ms |
| Lebegue | 2 Noels | SATBGb | ms |
| Gounod | Funeral March of a Marionette | SATBGb | Willobie WP509 |
| Russell-Smith | 3 Touches | SSAATB | EMI |
|  | plus other seasonal items |  |  |

**Winter weather**: In the event of severe weather causing the cancellation of any meeting we will do our best to contact you; however if you are in any doubt about travelling please check the branch website <http://www.srp.org.uk/essex-branch-programme/> or phone a committee member to find out whether the meeting is still on.

**JANUARY 3rd**

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| Lassus | Vinum Bonum | SATB/SATB | Joed L23 |
| O'Carolan | 4 Irish Melodies | SAATB | Willobie |
| Boismortier | Concerto | AATBGb | Alex Ayre CRCS393 |
| Seiber | Dance Suite Vol.2 | SATB | Schott 12252 |
| Insert from Recorder Magazine December | | | |

**FEBRUARY 7th – VISITING CONDUCTOR – ROSS WINTERS**

**MARCH 7TH**

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| various | 5 Tudor Consorts | SATTB | Oriel OL144 |
| Guami | La Gamina | SATB | Alex Ayre CRCS224 |
| Bach | Kyrie | SSAATB | Oriel OL129 |
| Skeaping | Mr. Playford's Dancing Tunes | SATB | Corda CMP441 |

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

If you haven’t paid your subscription for 2014\_15 yet please do so as soon as possible, either at the December meeting or by post to the Treasurer (Derek Duck, 20 Nelmes Crescent, Hornchurch, RM11 2QB). Subscription rates are Adult £38, Associate £14.50, Student £23, household £64. Cheques payable to Society of Recorder Players Registered Charity No. 282751

**VISITORS**

Visitors are welcome to make 3 visits per year, after which we hope they will become members of the branch. Children aged 11-14 may attend 3 meetings as visitors, provided they are accompanied by an adult member of the branch. A member should bring only one child visitor at a time. Subject to the discretion of the Chairman, children may become junior members of the branch. They must be accompanied by an adult member at all times. They must be able to play treble or tenor as well as descant.

**C H I L D PR O T E C T I O N P O L I C Y**

Whilst most members of the SRP are adults, the Society recognises its responsibilities to ensure that when children are included in any of its activities their safety is explicitly considered. To this end, people organising such activities for or including children must ensure that a child is not left alone with a single adult and that no lessons, where a child is left alone with an adult, are organised for children as part of an SRP activity. Occasionally SRP members are asked to recommend recorder teachers for children. If they pass on the names of teachers they will make it clear to parents that :

(1) the SRP takes no responsibility for the quality of any such teacher

(2) the SRP is not able to comment on whether or not the teacher has been DBS checked**.**

**DA T A PR O T E C T I O N AC T 1 998**

Because the Society prepares its membership list on a computer but currently uses that list only for communicating with members the Data Protection Act 1998 does not apply to the list. The only personal information held by the Society is that which appears in the membership list. The list is distributed only to members of the Society for personal use and is not used or distributed by the Society or Branches for any commercial or other purpose.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**22nd and 23rd November 2014**

Charlotte Barbour-Condini and Sophie Westbrooke, finalists in the BBC Young Musician Competition 2012 and 2014, will perform with Zero Gravity in Cambridge and London. [www.zero-gravity.org.uk](http://www.zero-gravity.org.uk) for details

**18th and 19th April - SRP FESTIVAL 2015 – hosted by South Staffordshire Branch at Wolverhampton.**

**Essex meetings in 2015:** April 11th (Playing Day with Naomi Okuda Wooderson), May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th.

**Benslow Music Trust, Hitchin**

Monday 5th – Thursday 8th January: **Late Starter Recorders**. Tutor Evelyn Nallen. *Please recommend this course to anyone you know who, with a little more experience, would like to join the SRP. Not for complete beginners.*

Monday 9th to Thursday 12th March: **Spring Recorders**. Tutors Sandra Foxall and Alyson Lewin. Intermediate.

BMT has a wide range of weekend and midweek courses for instrumentalists, singers and ensembles. Phone 01462 459446 [www.benslow.org](http://www.benslow.org) [info@benslow.org](mailto:info@benslow.org)

**BRANCH MUSIC LIBRARY**

Do you have your own collection of recorder music? If you do, may we enter it on our database of members’ music? It helps us to choose music if we know who has a copy of a particular item. Please contact Roy Simons (01277 212270) if you can help.

If your music is already on the database and you subsequently dispose of any item, please tell Roy.

We rely on the generosity of members who lend their music at branch meetings, so please take great care of any music you use, and make sure it is handed in at the end of the meeting. Occasionally individual parts go missing – if you discover you have some music that doesn’t belong to you, please hand it in at the next meeting.

**Bass recorder:** The branch has a bass which is available for members to borrow, either to play at a meeting or to take home to practise. Please contact Madeline if you would like to borrow it.

**OFFICERS & COMMITTEE 2014/15**

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