

# PROGRAMME

## 2016-2017

### Remembrance Concert

Sunday 13th November 2016

Dolphin Leisure Centre, Haywards Heath, 7:30 pm

Vivaldi - Gloria

Pergolesi - Magnificat

Hammersley - Remembrance

In aid of the Royal British Legion



### Advent Carol Concert by Candlelight

Tuesday 20th December 2016

Ardingly College Chapel, 8:00 pm

Haydn - Nelson Mass

Carols

Non-members welcome to perform

Rehearsal 6:30 pm

In aid of St Peter & St James Hospice



### Spring Centenary Concert

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Ardingly College Chapel, 7:30 pm

Verdi - Requiem



### Summer Social

July 2017

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**Conductor Robert Hammersley's** distinguished musical career began at King's College, Cambridge as Senior Chorister in 1955-6. He was Senior Choral Scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford in 1973 and conducted the Scholar Cantorum of Oxford from 1971-74.



He has conducted the London Mozart Players, the Bournemouth Sinfonietta and the English Chamber Orchestra and was Musical Director of the Holst Chamber Choir and Orchestra.

In the 1970s he was often featured on BBC broadcasts and recordings both as conductor and tenor soloist. Most notable was his platinum disc of Christmas music with Guildford Cathedral Choir and John Eliot Gardner's Monteverdi Choir.

Since then his career has concentrated on education and he was Director of Music at Ardingly College from 1996-2007. He has composed a number of choral and orchestral works, his most recent composition being "Fragile Earth", an environmental choral work premiered in Dorchester Abbey in October 2011.

**Accompanist Rosemary Cole** trained at Trinity College of Music and is well-known locally for her great skills in this role. For some time Director of Music at Ardingly Junior School, she now concentrates on piano teaching and accompanying.

**The Choral Society** performs three major concerts each year and is accompanied by Mid-Sussex Sinfonia together with soloists of international standing.

On occasion, the Society goes on tour. It has performed in Paris, Lille and Ghent and has sung Choral Evensong in St George's Chapel, Windsor and Chichester Cathedral.



## CONCERT REVIEWS

### Elgar - The Dream of Gerontius - 1st April 2012

"Scarcely a cough or dropped programme marred the awe with which this measured, powerful and spiritually charged performance was received. This was a thoroughly rehearsed performance, with precise transitions from soloists to choir to orchestra."

### J S Bach - St John Passion - 6th April 2014

"The chorus thrilled us with Bach's layered, supercharged waves of sound. They excelled in the crowd scenes and in the stillness of the chorales which provided a breathing space and the opportunity for quiet reflection, captured so well under Robert Hammersley's inspired direction. "

### Dvorak - Stabat Mater - 29th March 2015

"....this polished but uncompromising performance had been delivered sympathetically, with superb diction and facial expression and at tempos that neither over-indulged nor rushed the flow of an holistically conceived oratorio. Unforgettable."

**Ardingly Choral Society** rehearses in the Recital Room of the Music Centre at Ardingly College from 7:30 to 9:00pm on Thursdays in term time.

We welcome singers of all ages and experience.  
Simply come along to a rehearsal!

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