



ISLE OF MAN
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NEWSLETTER

June 2017

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Summertime!

Greetings to all Members and Friends. Audiences for our concerts with the G&S Society in early May were rather small, but enthusiastic, and I know the society enjoyed performing with a full orchestra. (Photos on page 3.) We're now busy rehearsing for the July concerts in support of the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust - light music with a seaside theme. Read on for more details.

A Message from Maurice.

The debate rages on! At issue is the vexed question of : 'What is British Light Music?' with a supplementary question : 'When did it begin?' My colleague Philip Scowcroft - a lifetime member of the Light Music Society - has written that 'light' music occupies the middle ground between 'classical' music (i.e. symphonies, operas and concertos and so forth) and popular music, 'while inevitably taking something from all its neighbours'. It should be well-crafted, tuneful, of comparatively short duration and entertaining. I think I prefer the designation 'Light Classical Music', which certainly describes the attractive programme we have devised for our July pair of concerts in support of the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust: music with a distinctly holiday and seaside flavour, including such favourites as 'The Sleepy Lagoon', 'Sailing By', 'Beachcomber', the *Adagio* from *Spartacus* (theme for the TV series *The Onedin Line*) and the first performance for decades of Harry Wood's *Manx Airs*, a skilfully orchestrated selection of 21 traditional Manx tunes, woven together into an entertaining concert piece.

A brief mention must be made of a concert of music for stringed instruments to be given by Scherzando on Sunday 16th July at 6.00 pm in St. Ninian's Church, Douglas. The ensemble consists of professional musicians from Shropshire led by Sue Harris and William Pickering, who was the leader of the IOMSO before moving to the UK, and nine

of our own string players in a delightful collaboration, supported by the Arts Council. The programme will feature music by Purcell, Bartok, Puccini, Grieg, Telemann - the lovely viola concerto, Vivaldi - a stunning 'cello concerto, Albinoni - the beautiful oboe concerto in D minor played by our principal oboist, Andrew Cole, and Parry's *The Lady Radnor Suite*. Relaxing music for a summer's evening. Tickets available from The Welcome Centre at the Sea terminal; online at www.villagaiety.com ; the Hotline 01624 600555 or at the door @ £12.50 (under 18 in full time education FREE).

Next issue: news of a forthcoming new classical music programme on Manx Radio hosted by yours truly!

Maurice



Concert Dates for your Diaries.

Friday 7th July : St. Ninian's Church : 7:30

& Sat 8th July : Bunscoill Rhumsaa : 7:30

***Summer Concert* in support of the
Queen's Pier Restoration Trust.**

Sunday 16th July : St. Ninian's Church :

**6pm : *Scherzando Strings* (including
some members of IOMSO)**

Sunday 3rd December : Villa Marina :

2:30 : *Family Gala Concert*



Summer Concerts



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Friday 7th July 7:30pm
St. Ninian's Church, Douglas

Saturday 8th July 7:30pm
Bunscoill Rhumsaa, Ramsey

A Concert of Light Music
in support of the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust



Conductor : Maurice Powell
Leader : Tom Field
Patron : Charles Guard

Tickets : Adult : £12
Child/Student : £2.50
Email : paulawadsworth@manx.net
Also available from :
Ramsey Library, Shakti Man
& Peter Norris Music

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The Isle of Man Symphony Orchestra is a registered charity no: 970

There are only a couple of weeks left before IOMSO's last concerts of the 2016-17 season. On Friday 7th July in St. Ninian's Church, Douglas and on Saturday 8th July in Bunscoill Rhumsaa, Ramsey, IOMSO will present its Summer Concert of Light Music, in support of the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust. Both concerts commence at 7.30pm.

Tickets prices are £12 for adults and £2.50 for children/students. To purchase tickets please email paulawadsworth@manx.net, or visit Ramsey Library, Shakti Man or Peter Norris Music.

This promises to be a delightful programme, with great popular appeal, in support of a worthy local charity.

Hope to see you there!



Look out for updates in future Newsletters, on our website and facebook page!

Scherzando Concert, 16th July



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presents

Scherzando Strings

Conductor: Maurice Powell
Leader: William Pickering

St Ninian's Church Douglas
Sunday 16th JULY 2017 @ 6.00pm

The Faery Queen Suite - Purcell

Telemann - Concerto for Viola & Strings
(Soloist - John Kinsella)

Crisantemi - Puccini

Vivaldi Cello Concerto
(Soloist - Lilian Kelly)

Grieg - Two Lyric Pieces

Albinoni Oboe Concerto in D minor
(Soloist - Andrew Cole)

Romanian Folk Dances - Bartok

Lady Radnor's Suite - Parry

Tickets £12.50 (under 18's free)

available now from the Welcome Centre;
also online at www.villagaiety.com
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also on the door – subject to availability



Rehearsal Schedule 2017

- June 21st & 28th : St. Johns : 7:30**
- July 6th (Thurs): St. Ninian's Church : 7:30**
- July 7th (Friday) : St. Ninian's Church : 7:30 (Concert)**
- July 8th (Saturday): Bunscoill Rhumsaa : 7:30 (Concert)**
- July 15th (Saturday) : Rehearsals for Scherzando concert (selected members only): Kirk Michael Methodist Church Hall from 10:30 to 4:30 with lunch break.**
- July 16th (Sunday) : Scherzando Concert : St.Ninian's Church : 6pm (Seating rehearsal at 3:30)**

**** SUMMER HOLIDAYS!! ****

September 6th : St. Johns : 7:30



G & S 30th Anniversary Concert, QE2, 7th May 2017



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