



## Festival Newsletter, February 2018

Audience numbers were up last year, despite the dreadful weather when we had to serve interval refreshments inside the church on two evenings. We have now invested in a mini-marquee for shelter against the rain and wind during the interval, so there is bound to be a heat wave in July this year.

The 2018 programme is a mix of familiar and new; not necessarily from contemporary composers, but works from well-known names that may not have been played at Llanfyllin previously. If I am wrong, please do tell me; indeed, copies of programmes pre 2002 would be very welcome for our archives. The repertoire from the opening concert (Wolf's Italian Serenade, Debussy Op. 10 and Dvorak's American Quartet) all appears to be new to the Festival. Concert 2, music by English composers, commemorates the centenary of the end of the Great War: Purcell's Chacony and Elgar's Op 83 have not, I believe, previously been played at Llanfyllin. Also new for us are Mozart's "Drum" quartet in concert 3, and Brahms' quintet Op. 88 in the last concert.

### 2018 concert dates and programme

The Festival starts a week earlier this year: concerts will be on the middle two weekends of July, in St Myllin's Church.

The programme is as follows:

#### Friday 13 July

Wolf	Italian Serenade
Debussy	String Quartet in G minor, Op. 10
Dvorak	String Quartet No.12 in F major "American"

#### Sunday 15 July

Purcell	Chacony in G minor
Britten	String Quartet No. 1 in D major, Op. 25
Elgar	String Quartet in E minor, Op. 83

#### Friday 20 July

Schubert	String Trio D581
Mozart	String Quartet in A Major, K. 464, "Drum"
Beethoven	String Quartet No. 12 in E flat major, Op. 127

#### Sunday 22 July

Bach	Fugue from The Art of fugue
Mozart	String Quintet No. 4 in G minor, K. 516
Brahms	String Quintet No. 1 in F major, Op. 88

### **Tickets: book Early Bird tickets for price savings**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year running, ticket prices are unchanged.

Early Bird tickets, available until the 15th May, are £15. The price after that date will be £19, (concessions £17) so be sure to book in time to benefit from the reduction. This year, for the first time, Early Bird Tickets are also available online, see below.

### ***Even more discount when you book all four concerts***

If you book an Early Bird ticket for all four concerts at the same time the cost is £54, a saving of some 10%.

### ***How to buy Early Bird tickets***

This year you have the option of ordering Early Bird tickets by post or online.

- By post: Write to Llanfyllin Music Festival Ticket Officer, Farthings, Fox Lane, West Felton, Oswestry, SY11 4JU and include your cheque (payable to Llanfyllin Festival Association) and SAE. ***Please note that the tickets may not be sent out (or your cheque banked) till April.***
- Online: go to the Festival website [http://www.llanfyllinfestival.org.uk/book\\_online.php](http://www.llanfyllinfestival.org.uk/book_online.php). There is a booking fee when you book online

Tickets will be available from other outlets later in the year.

### **Festival Supporters' Scheme: Friends, Benefactors, Sponsors**

Last year we were delighted to welcome some new members to the Supporters' Scheme, launched a few years ago; every donation helps, and advertisers enable us to defray overheads such as printing costs.

We are particularly grateful to The Derek Hill Foundation, the Martineau Family Charity, and Sponsor Judy Greaves, sculptor, for their continued support. To find out more about Judy's work, visit her website [www.judygreaves.co.uk](http://www.judygreaves.co.uk).

You can contribute to the Festival by becoming a Friend, Benefactor or Sponsor. Details of the subscription scheme are attached, together with a form to post back to the Festival Treasurer. Even better, if you are able to commit to a Standing Order your contribution will help in future years too – our thanks to those of you who already pay by standing order.

### **Gift Aid**

If you are a standard rate tax payer, ticking the Gift Aid box on the booking form will enable us to reclaim tax for the Festival at no cost to you. This means your donation or Supporter's subscription is enhanced by 25%, courtesy of HMRC. Please note that payments for tickets are not eligible for Gift Aid.

### **Publicity flyers**

Leaflets with the programme, ticket prices and booking form will be distributed in the spring; if you would like a batch to distribute to friends, colleagues, or musical venues I will be happy to send them to you.

### **Advertisers welcome**

If you run a local business and would like to advertise in the Festival concert programme please contact me at the email address at the end of this newsletter.

## **St Myllin's Church**

Some of you may have read in the local press about the financial difficulties which the church is now facing. The newly-formed Friends of St Myllin's aims to raise funds to maintain the church as a community asset i.e. to contribute to maintenance and repair costs of the building. Funds raised would be solely for St Myllin's itself, and would not be forwarded to the Church in Wales or be used for religious purposes. For more information see the Friends of St Myllin's News Letter 1 appended below. To contribute towards the continuance of the church as a place of worship please contact Rev Hermione Morris, [hjmorris66@gmail.com](mailto:hjmorris66@gmail.com).

The Friends of St Myllin's Church will be formally launched at St Myllin's from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday April 14th. There will also be a small exhibition of some of the Treasures of St Myllin's

Our music festival has held concerts in this beautiful church since the 1970s and the Llanfyllin Festival Association strongly support these measures which are being taken to keep St. Myllin's open.

I look forward to welcoming you to Llanfyllin this summer. Meanwhile, don't forget the Whittington Festival, this May, with music from some 17 British composers in a "Fantasia on a British theme".

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This Newsletter the booking form for concerts together with a wealth of information regarding the Festival are also available on our website <http://www.llanfyllinfestival.org.uk>



# Friends of St Myllin's Church

## Newsletter No. 1

DECEMBER 2017

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the **Friends of St. Myllin's Church**. To be more accurate, it is the Newsletter of the "hope-to-be-Friends".

Since the idea was mooted and discussed with a few people, we have been preparing the formalities of setting up a "Friends of..." organisation. This has included taking advice from others who have been down a similar route, having discussions with Rev Hermione Morris, the Rector and studying the technicalities of opening a bank account and registering with the HMRC so we can reclaim Gift Aid.

We have approached a small group of people to become the first trustees and we hope to be able to sign the Deed during January. Thus the **Friends** would be properly constituted and can move towards completing the remaining mechanics ready to approach you once again in February and begin to receive donations.

What of St Myllin's Church itself? Its value as a performance space has been amply demonstrated in the past few weeks with three hugely successful concerts. The first was given by the Llanfyllin Young Farmers who presented items of poetry, singing and drama after successfully competing at the Montgomeryshire Young Farmers' Eisteddfod. The second was a performance by the Welshpool Choral Society of their moving concert entitled "O Holy Night". The third was a concert of wonderful operatic singing hosted by Robert Lewis (from Greenhall Farm) and some of his student friends from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Leeds School of Music.

These three concerts alone have demonstrated the value of ensuring St Myllin's Church has a secure future not only for worship and prayer but also as a special community space.

We send our greetings for a joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

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