

# *Sunderland Symphony Orchestra*

Founded October 1999

Charity registration no. 1082431

Founders & Vice-Presidents - John Lennox, Mark Greenfield, Winifred Lundgren

Musical Director - Ray Farr

## **NEWSLETTER – Summer 2012**

### Congratulations

Donna Watlen (Clarinet) and Stuart Hitcham  
who were married on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Lynne Dakers (Flute) and Brian  
who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### Departures

#### Rev. Stephen Hazlett

Rev. Stephen Hazlett joined the orchestra during year 2000, playing first violin.

He was Chairman for three years from March 2006 to April 2009.

He has left the Sunderland Minster to take up a new post as Chaplain to the Port of Rotterdam with the Mission to Seafarers, and as Priest-in-charge of the local English-speaking church.

At the last concert, he was presented with a framed photograph of the orchestra in appreciation of his services and his friendship.

We will miss him and his sense of humour, and wish him all the best for the future.

### Proms in the Park

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, the Sunderland City Council organised a 'Proms Picnic' in Mowbray Park.

This was an afternoon of live music in a variety of styles, and we had the pleasure of playing from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Some 200 members of the public were present enjoying the music, and also enjoying the sun and ice cream.

Conductor for the occasion was Miss Bryony Rickard, a music student from Durham University.

Thanks for helping out and keeping everything under control.

### Last concert – 'Music from Stage and Screen'

The concert held on 30<sup>th</sup> June attracted an audience of about 140. This was excellent, especially since the 'Tyne & Wear Diamond Jubilee Tattoo' was held in Sunderland on the same night.

Judith Thompson led the orchestra due to the absence of our regular leader.

This was the last occasion that Stephen Hazlett played with us before his departure for Holland, and he graced the occasion by playing 'The Ashokan Farewell', on his violin.

He was accompanied on the guitar by Katherine Chapman.

### Guest conductor

Ray Farr invited a young man from Holland – Eric Kolk - to take the rehearsal on one evening recently, in order to gain some additional experience.

Eric had earlier won the European Conductor's Competition.

He immediately established a rapport with the players and a wonderful evening was had by all.

### Committee meetings

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
If there are any matters which you would like the committee to discuss, please let the chairman know in advance, so that they may be placed on the agenda.

### **Future Events for your Diary**

All in West Park Church, Stockton Road, Sunderland  
METRO: Park Lane

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**Saturday 27th October 7.30pm**

#### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Promenade Concert

Rachel Orr (Soprano) will be our soloist once again, and Ray Farr has put together an excellent programme of well-known and popular music.

The full programme can be viewed on the web site, but a selection of pieces is included herewith:-

Crown Imperial March, March from Karelia Suite, Music for the Royal Fireworks, Last movement of Symphony No.8 by Dvorak, and the Radio 4 UK Theme.

Owing to the clash of dates between our last concert and the Tyne & Wear Tattoo, the Tattoo director kindly gave us free publicity for this concert in the Tattoo brochure/programme, including a photograph of the full orchestra.

**Saturday 15th December 3.00pm**

#### Christmas Concert

This will include some traditional Christmas music, and also provide the opportunity for audience participation in some well-loved carols.

Tickets £8.00.

(Under 16 years and full time education [show valid NUS card] £5.00)

At the door.

### Provisional concert dates for 2013

16<sup>th</sup> March, (Symphony concert including the whole of Symphony No.8 by Dvorak),  
22<sup>nd</sup> June (Music from Stage & Screen),  
26<sup>th</sup> October (Promenade Concert),  
14<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Concert).

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