

# *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 2013**

The **Annual General Meeting** was held in West Park Church, Stockton Road, Sunderland, on **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm.**

The current office holders were all re-elected and Lynne Dakers was again co-opted to the committee. Agreed that the membership fees for 2014 be held at the same rate as for the current year.

### **Concert group (Salon Orchestra)**

The committee are looking into the possibility of forming a concert group from within the membership. Such a group would offer a function entertainment service, with the aim of being available to play at corporate and other events.

Paul Judson has offered to co-ordinate and lead the group.

Expressions of interest and suggestions are invited. Please contact Paul at: pauljud@talktalk.net

### **Facebook**

A Facebook page has now been set up and is being managed by Colin Harding at:  
[www.facebook.com/sunderlandssymphonyorchestra1](http://www.facebook.com/sunderlandssymphonyorchestra1)

### **Assistant conductor**

The committee has great pleasure in appointing Paul Judson as Assistant Conductor to the orchestra.

Paul is a founder member of the orchestra and leads the bassoon section.

Having been a military bandmaster for many years, he brings a wealth of experience to this position.

### **Committee meeting**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3rd October 2013.

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.

### **March concert**

This concert featured the 'Piano Concerto' by Grieg, with Alison Frances Gill from Hartlepool being the soloist.

A Steinway piano was hired in for the occasion.

The complete 'Symphony No.8' by Dvorak was also included in the programme – only the second time in thirteen years that a complete symphony has been performed by the orchestra.

**Armed Forces Day Concert** in Herrington Country Park, Sunderland.

The orchestra received an invitation from the organisers to participate in this three day outdoor event, by playing a 'Last Night of the Proms' type concert on the Saturday evening.

The committee decided to make this their June concert in view of the anticipated publicity and exposure to be received.

This was a new experience, playing in a large marquee (which also turned out to be the beer tent!); fortunately, the day was blessed with fine weather.

The music, all with a military connection was very well received by a large audience.

Also in the park was the 'Hoppings', Europe's largest funfair which had had to re-locate from Newcastle. Competition!

**Recording of film music**

The orchestra again co-operated with the University of Sunderland by recording some music for a film that had been produced as a post graduate project.

The seventeen members of the string section and our musical director spent a very enjoyable evening recording the music, which had been specially composed for the film.

**Next concerts**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Symphony concert featuring instrumental soloists from within the orchestra membership.  
7.30pm in West Park Church.

**PLEASE NOTE the change of date for this concert.**

**It was with great reluctance that the date has had to be changed (to one week earlier) from that originally published, due to an unforeseen circumstance.**

**The committee are taking steps to ensure that published dates are adhered to in the future.**

**Our apologies are extended to anyone who suffers inconvenience or disappointment as a result of this.**

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Concert, 3.00pm. In West Park Church.  
The programme will include:

'Carol Fantasia' by John Fox, and 'Christmas Overture' by S. Coleridge-Taylor.



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