

CHORLEYWOOD MUSIC

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

Covid Restrictions

Covid restrictions prevented the holding of full orchestral rehearsals for Chorleywood Orchestra during much of 2021. Our regular rehearsal venue (a local school) was not available to us for the Spring and Summer terms. We were however able to meet for smaller sectional rehearsals at the local Scout Hut subject to having a covid risk assessment in place, observing social distancing and following hand sanitising procedures etc.

Easing of restrictions during the Summer enabled us to start meeting again as a full orchestra in September at our usual rehearsal venue, to prepare for our November concert.

Concert(s)

Our 7th November concert featured the orchestra's brass section in Copland's 'Fanfare for the Common Man', woodwind and horns in Gounod's Petite Symphonie for winds, strings in Grieg's Holberg Suite and full orchestra in Beethoven's 5th Symphony. It was good to share the experience of live music again after months of restrictions.

Rehearsal time during the rest of November and December was taken up with preparation for our January 2022 Gala concert. Some covid safety measures continued to be applied throughout this period; members were advised to bring their own refreshments and take personal responsibility for social distancing, mask wearing etc

Finances

The society's finances remain healthy - see attached Treasurer's Report which shows a surplus for the year.

Rickmansworth Young Musician of the Year Competition (RYMY)

Covid restrictions prevented the running of Rickmansworth Young Musician Competition in 2021, but plans were put in place to resume in 2022 under the leadership of committee member Jo Prowse, supported by cellist Alan Baskeyfield.

Chess Players

Some of our players combined with other local musicians to form a small orchestra / large chamber ensemble under the baton of conductor Daniel Hogan. The inaugural concert of 'Chess Players' took place at St Michael and All Angels church, Watford in October with a performance of Copland's 'Appalachian Spring' and excerpts from George Morton's chamber arrangement of Holst's 'Planets Suite'.

Trustees and Committee Members

Our trustees and committee members continue to contribute their time, energy, and talents to ensure the success of the society.

Andrew McFarlane (Trustee) – Chairman

Fiona McFarlane (Trustee) – Membership Secretary

Roger Stafford (Trustee)

Helen Sims Heneker (Trustee) – Publicity / Concert Manager

Ruth Colin – Secretary

Ann Gharial – Treasurer

Anne Maria Farnsworth – Librarian

Christine Deeley

Jo Prowse – Rickmansworth Young Musician Competition

Robert Elkeles serves as a Trustee, but is not a committee member

Andrew McFarlane

Chairman

Chorleywood Music

23 September 2022

Chorleywood Orchestra		
Time Period 1st Jan 2021 - 31st Dec 2021		
Description	2021	Comments
Receipts		Chorleywood Music Bank Account:
Subscriptions	3,650.00	
Gift Aid	0.00	Balance as at 31/12/2021:
RYMY	5,901.60	£13,443.40
Autumn Classic Concert	986.70	
Chess Valley Players	565.00	Of this balance:
	11,103.30	
		RYMY balance c/f:
Payments		£5,778.60
Music - Library	237.00	Chess Valley Players balance c/f:
Hall hire	710.60	£5.00
Conductor - Richard	1,920.00	Chorleywood Music Balance c/f:
Conductor - Other	240.00	£7,659.80
Concert - Expenses	943.98	
Making Music Membership	506.85	
Chess Valley Players	560.00	
RYMY	317.00	
	5,435.43	
Receipts less payments	5,667.87	
Rickmansworth Young Musician of the Year (RYMY) 2022 Competition		
Paid in from Previous Organisers	£1,356.60	
Sponsorship	£4,500.00	
Entrance Fees	£45.00	
Cost of Hall Hire	£123.00	
RYMY Balance	£5,778.60	