



Wareham Choral Society
"Wareham's choir since 1947"
70th Anniversary Concert
Music Director: Nigel Groome



Museum of Jurassic Marine Life
Kimmeridge BH20 5PE
Saturday July 15th 2017 7pm

**A programme of songs with a maritime theme,
including:-**

Rowley - The Sailor's Garland
Stanford - Songs of the Fleet
Songs by Débussy, Fauré, Quilter and Ireland
British Sea Songs
South Pacific Medley

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Welcome

Wareham Choral Society is delighted to welcome family, members of the Wareham community, and friends from near and far to our Summer Concert marking our 70th anniversary in this iconic building.

It is our ambition to hold our summer concert in interesting venues and this one is the 'dream' location for our 'sea' theme. In England you can merely hope for good weather – but if we are lucky, the interval wine and canapés will be on the terrace where the view extends across the fields to Kimmeridge bay.

WCS has been in existence since 1947.

We continue with every intention of building on past success with diverse programmes of secular and religious music featuring soloists and interesting instrumental accompaniment.

Nigel Groome, our Music Director, is a conductor and organist of national repute. His choral expertise, patience, and good humour all contribute to productive rehearsals which are FUN. Our accompanist, John Radford, is an accomplished organist/pianist and a soloist of distinction.

WCS is growing in vocal expertise and ambition, our repertoire is eclectic and we foster the individual talents of **all** our members. As we look to the future we are aware of the need to attract young people into the choir to enjoy the choral repertoire, which spans 500 years and is still developing. To this end we are setting up scholarships for all young people but especially potential tenors. Please spread the word to likely 'takers'.

Music is said to be the key to a long life, a stable temperament, increased intelligence, and a better sense of humour!

So, why not join us?

We rehearse in the United Reformed Church in Wareham on Monday evenings at 7.15pm.

Find out more by calling 01929 552272 or 01929 459319 or visit our website.

Our thanks to accompanist John Radford and our guest soloists.

Judith Price Chairman of Wareham Choral Society



Programme

Choir	The Sailor's Garland	Alec Rowley
	<i>Deep-water Jack - The Blue Peter</i>	
Ben	Songs of the Sea	Roger Quilter
Talia	Where Corals Lie	Edward Elgar
Talia and Hilary	Slumbering Deep the Ocean Lies	J. Brahms
Hilary	Song to the Seals	Granville Bantock
Choir	The Arethusa	Traditional arr Richard Hall
Roseanna	Blow the Wind Southerly	Traditional folk-song
Choir	The Sailor's Garland	Alec Rowley
	<i>Sacramento - Rathlin Head</i>	

Roseanna	Poor Wandering One	Gilbert & Sullivan
Choir	See the Conquering Hero Comes	G. F. Handel

INTERVAL (Refreshments will be served)

Choir and Ben	Songs of the Fleet	C. V. Stanford
	<i>Sailing at Dawn - The Song of the Sou'Wester</i>	

Daniel	Sea Fever	John Ireland
Daniel	La Mer est Plus Belle	Claude Debussy

*The sea is more beautiful
Than the cathedrals,
A faithful nurse,
Soothing those in death,
The sea over which prays
The Virgin Mary!*

*It has all qualities,
Terrible and sweet.
I hear its forgiveness,
Cursing its wrath,
This immensity
Which is without willingness.*

*Oh! So patient,
Even when wicked!
A friendly breath haunts
The waves, and sings to us,
"You without hope,
die without suffering!"*

*And then, beneath the skies
Reflected brightly in it,
seems blue,
Pink, grey, and green...
More lovely than all,
Better than us!*

Daniel	Les Berceux	Gabriel Fauré
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*Along the quay, the great ships
that the sea-swells tilt in silence,
take no notice of the cradles
rocked by the hands of women.*

*But the day of parting will come,
because women must weep*

toward horizons that will delude them!

*And on that day, the great ships,
fleeing the port that fades in the
distance,
will feel their mass restrained
by the soul of distant cradles.*

and curious men must be tempted

Talia	The Ships of Arcady	Michael Head
Choir	Spanish Ladies	Traditional arr Stephen Jackson
Choir	Tom Bowling	Traditional arr Richard Hall
David, Mark & Gideon	The Mermaid	Roger Vignoles
Choir	South Pacific Medley	Rodgers and Hammerstein

Music Director Nigel Groome trained at the London College of Music, and carried out postgraduate study at the Royal College of Music.



From 1980 to 2016 he was Organist and Director of Music of Beckenham Parish Church. The adult choir has a large repertoire, ranging from plainsong to contemporary music, and new works are regularly commissioned for it.

Nigel was also the founder and Chairman of the St. George's Arts Festival, which is held annually in May, and has attracted artists of international calibre, for example Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, and Willard White.

Last year Nigel took up a new post at St. Matthew's, Westminster.

Organist John Radford was born in Wakefield, where he was a chorister at the cathedral. He received a bursary to study music at Ackworth School, and then studied music at Leeds University.



He has had posts as organist and teacher at Portsmouth and in Somerset. He is currently the organist for a group of village churches in East Dorset, and is the accompanist to The Broadstone Choir and The Allen Singers (Wimborne).

Daniel Bell is an exceptional award-winning tenor, still only 19, who has performed as a soloist in Handel's 'Messiah', The Crucifixion and Haydn's 'The Creation'.

Ben Gautier is an 18 year old baritone. He starts on a four year undergraduate BMus (hons) course at the Royal College of Music in September. He is also a member of the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and has been singing with them for the past two years.

Local soprano **Roseanna Bowen** has taken part in various productions and recitals throughout Dorset, Hampshire and the South since graduating from Southampton University in 2014. Accomplishments include "Singer of the Year" in the 2015 Bournemouth Musical Festival.

Hilary Jordan, Talia Pope, David Kemp, Mark Lapper and **Gideon Daly** are all members of Wareham Choral Society.