

Farnham Festival

It is fifty years since Alan Fluck, the then Music Master at Farnham Grammar School, organised the first Festival in 1961. Sir Arthur Bliss wrote in his message to that year's Festival 'The Organisers have shown great imagination, providing a splendid opportunity for many hundreds of children to enjoy music in the only really satisfying way - by taking part themselves!'

Since Alan's inspiration in 1961, when just two new compositions were performed, in excess of 130 New Works have received their first performance in Farnham Festival. 2011 will see six new works receive their World Premier. There will also be performances of several works written for earlier Festivals, including the second ever performance of a Festival Fanfare by Malcolm Arnold, previously thought to have been lost, but found after some detective work by the Festival's current President, Julia Wilson. Both Roxanna Panufnik and her late father have written for Farnham Festival. Roxanna has arranged a woodwind version of the second Andrzej's, Two Lyric Pieces for Orchestra, commissioned for the 1963 Festival. They are to be performed by the Surrey County Wind Orchestra, who will also play Roxanna's 'Suite Memories' commissioned for the Festival's special Millennium Concerts, 37 years after her father's piece, in 2000.

The early Festivals, held, as now, biennially, were staged in the Farnham Parish Church of St Andrew; groups of musicians gave lunch time recitals around the town, and the Festival Finale was held on the playing fields of the Boys' Grammar School, with Handel's Fireworks Music, and a firework display. The BBC recorded most concerts for later broadcast, and some of the National papers gave coverage; such was the interest in the unique combination of live composers writing for school-age musicians, it seemed quite a quixotic idea, doomed to failure: even in a sophisticated London it could spell empty halls and lack of patronage' wrote Sir

Robert Mayer in his Festival message in 1969, 'they can now point with justified pride to their invaluable achievements gained through trial and error.'

The Festival continues and again an exciting week is planned, ranging from Art, Jazz Cafe, Dance, Steel Pans to large combined choirs of Infants and Juniors, Secondary School and Sixth Form College Ensembles, the renowned Farnham Youth Choir, the County Youth Wind Orchestra, The Just So Singers - a choir of over 100 Special Needs Students, to mention but a few.

To celebrate the first 50 years of Farnham Festival, past Festival performers are invited to join in a performance of Zadok the Priest, as part of the Thanksgiving Concert to be held on Sunday 20 March, in St Andrew's Parish Church. Interested participants are asked to register their interest with Bob West - west@longhope.eclipse.co.uk .

This year's funding from sponsors sees major new commissioned Works for both The Combined Infant and Junior Schools' Choirs, Alton College Big Band, and Farnham Youth Choir. A new setting of Psalm 150 will be performed by Farnborough Sixth Form College.

To accommodate the ever increasing audiences supporting the Combined Infants and Junior Choir Performances, this year again sees a repeat of both the Wednesday and Friday evening concerts, separately on Saturday morning. A specially priced ticket is available for parents wishing to attend both of the Saturday morning concerts. The Jazz Café, first staged in 2005, will take place in the Great Hall in order to stage the commissioned work for Alton College Big Band. A supper ticket will also be available as will a licensed bar.

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20 March Sunday 7.30 pm
St Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham
£7.00 (£ 4.00 conc)

A Thanksgiving Concert to celebrate 50 years since the first Festival in 1961. Zadok The Priest (performed by Past Festival Performers), Michael Chapple Trumpet Ensemble, Alton College New Music Ensemble, St Thomas on the Bourne Boys' Choir, and Farnborough 6th Form College Choir perform a new setting of Psalm 150 by Diana Owen(Beeken)

21 March Monday 7.30 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£7.00/ £5.00 (£ 4.00/£3.50 conc)

Farnham Junior Boys' and Girls' Choirs, St Nicholas' School Junior and Senior Choirs and Orchestras, and Frensham Heights Cantamus Chamber Choir

22 March Tuesday 7.00 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£7.00/ £5.00 (£4.00/£3.50 conc)

The Just So Singers took part in their first Farnham Festival in 2005 and will perform again tonight, as will the Combined Steel Pan Bands from More House and Heath End, The William Cobbett Unit and The Abbey School

23 March Wednesday 7.00 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£5.50/£4.00 (£4.00/£ 3.50 conc)

The Combined Junior School Choir performs a new commission by local composer Graham Ross. All Hallows Choir and Jazz Band will also perform.

24 March Thursday 7.00 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£7.00/ £5.00 (£4.00/£3.50 conc)

Barfield School, a dance group from Guildford College National Diploma in Performing Arts, Dove House Dance/Music, and Farnham Heath End School performing

a commission by Stephanie Cant, Farnham Heath End School Choir.

25 March Friday 7.00pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£5.50/£4.00 (£4.00/£ 3.50 conc)

The Combined Infants schools choir perform a new commission by Pamela Wedgwood. Farnham Rock Choir stage their third appearance in Farnham Festival

25 March Friday 8.45 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£7.50, (£4 conc)

Jazz Café with optional supper, licensed bar, featuring, Alton College Jazz Band who will perform a new commission by Huw Warren and Jazz ensembles from Surrey County Youth Jazz Orchestra and More House School **Supper £7.50**

26 March Saturday 10.00 am
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£5.50/£4.00 (£4.00/£ 3.50 conc)

A repeat of Friday evening's concert by the Combined Infant Schools' Choir. This concert will also feature Dance Warehouse.

Both Sat concerts £6.50 (£4 conc)

26 March Saturday 11.30 am
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£5.50/£4.00 (£4.00/£ 3.50 conc)

A repeat of Wednesday evening's concert by the Combined Junior Schools' Choir. A short dance performance will also be given by Heath End.

Both Sat concerts £6.50 (£4 conc)

26 March Saturday 7.30 pm
The Great Hall, Farnham Maltings
£10.00/£8.00 (£ 4.00-£3.50 conc)

The Festival Finale will be given by the Surrey County Youth Wind Orchestra, the Farnham Youth Choir (new work by James Whitbourn), Surrey County Youth Percussion Ensemble.

Booking Form

The Festival Box Office opens at the Farnham Maltings on Monday **7 February 2011**.

Opening Times;- **Monday to Friday** 9.00 am to 6.00 pm, **Saturday** 10.00am to 2.00 pm, and 45 mins before start of all concerts in the Maltings.

Farnham Maltings Box Office, Bridge Square, Farnham GU9 7QR, **Telephone 01252 745444**. Tickets can also be purchased 24 hours a day online at www.farnhammaltings.com but are subject to a £1 transaction fee plus 50p postage if you choose that option

Note Tickets for concerts on **Sunday 20 March** at St Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham are also available at the Maltings Box Office, and at the Church 45 minutes before the concerts.

Ticket Prices, see table below. Concessions apply to under 18 years and in full time education only. Ticket prices for raked seating and floor seating shown thus £7.00/£5.00

NOTE;-

Supper ticket for Jazz Café, additional £7.50 Special ticket price covering both Saturday morning concerts Adults £6.50/£5.50 under 18 years and in full time education £5.00/£4.50

Concert date	No	Adults	No	Under 18	Total £
Sun 20 March 7.30 pm		£7.00		£4.00	
Mon 21 March 7.30 pm		£7.00/£5.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Tues 22 March 7.30 pm		£7.00/£5.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Wed 23 March 7.00 pm		£5.50/£4.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Thurs 24 March 7.00 pm		£7.00/£5.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Fri 25 March 7.00 pm		£6.50/£5.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Fri 25 March 8.45 pm		£7.50		£4.00	
Supper ticket add		£7.50		£7.50	
Sat 26 March 10.00 am		£5.50/£4.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Sat 26 March 11.30 am		£5.50/£4.00		£4.00/£3.50	
Sat 26 March Both Morning Concerts		£6.50/£5.00		£5.00/£4.50	
Sat 26 March 7.30 pm		£10.00/£8.00		£4.00/£3.50	
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Signed _____ Tel No _____

Address _____

If you require your tickets to be posted to you, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope

