

The Cobweb Orchestra Moving Forward – Important Meetings

The Working Party which was set up after the meeting on October 28th has, after consultations with various external bodies and extensive discussion, come to the conclusion that the best way forward for the Orchestra is as a limited company which would then apply for charitable status. Eventually, following the legislation which has just been passed by Parliament, the Orchestra could become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1. The Sage, Gateshead, Barbour Room

On Saturday January 6th 2007 11 am-1pm, there will be a Meeting for the Cobweb Orchestra to discuss the Working Party's recommendations for the structure of the new organisation, the issue of membership, and the fees needed for the new organisation.

The Working Party realises that we need to start fundraising. One suggestion is an auction. What else could we do? Please start thinking now!

2. Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley, Derwent Suite

On Saturday February 10th 2007 at 11am-1pm, there will be a Meeting where members of the Orchestra will be asked to vote on the Working Party's recommendations and to elect the board/committee.

It is vital that as many of us as possible attend to make our views known on January 6th, and to vote on February 10th.

Residential weekends are a weekend devoted to playing. They began in Kendal, moved to Kielder, and have now, for the moment, come to rest in Sedbergh School. The wide-ranging repertoire to be tackled is usually Andy's closely guarded secret, as are the guest conductors and players. But as well as the formal playing, people manage to squeeze in chamber music, all sorts of singing, and socialising. Everyone is welcome, and the size of Sedbergh School means we are unlikely to have to limit numbers. If you're not sure whether it's for you, talk to someone who's been or give Liz Carlile a ring to be persuaded. The next residential is at Sedbergh School 13th-15th April 2007.

Ridley Hall DIY Residential Weekend: a newcomer's view

I was quite apprehensive about going on the Ridley Hall weekend having only been part of the Cobwebs group since September, and having only started playing the oboe in January. However, everybody made me feel very welcome and I surprised myself by being able to play more than I expected. It was encouraging talking to people who said that they too had come along in the past with little experience but had just played when they could. I felt I could join in and it didn't matter if I only played one or two notes. My only regret is that I didn't stay overnight as I missed out on what sounded like a great party. Oh well, maybe next time!

Anita Arris (oboe)

Cobwebs in Hungary: September 2006 saw a 24-strong orchestra plus Andy on a five-day visit to the town of Szolnok, the administrative centre of Jasz-Nagykun-Szolnok County, and some 50 miles south east of Budapest. The visit was organised through the international office of Durham County Council.

Despite the security restrictions in force at the time all the instruments, including cellos and double bass, survived the aircraft holds and so did the players' nerves. Three concerts were played in widely differing venues, and we were treated to guided visits to various centres, sampling Hungarian hospitality as we went. The organisation was impressive and the trip was memorable. The full diary of the trip is available from: dave@davewood.clara.co.uk



DIARY SPRING 2007

Sat. 6th January Meeting and Study Day at The Sage, Gateshead
11am-1pm. A meeting to discuss the Working Party's recommendations.
2pm-6pm. Beethoven's 2nd symphony with Clarence Adoo. Cost £15

Sat. 13th January Sorting music day at Liz's: 48 South Road Norton TS20 2SZ
11am –5pm. Drinks provided, bring your own food, stay one hour or six....it's Free!

Sat. 27th January Study Day at Trinity Church, Ashington
10.30am- 5pm. Faure's Dolly Suite & Bizet's symphony in C with Antony Sargent.
Cost £15

Sat. 10th February Meeting and Study Day at Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley, Derwent Suite
11am –1pm. General Meeting to vote on the Working Party's proposals.
2pm – 6pm. Franck's symphony in D minor with Andy Jackson.
Cost £15

Sat. 17th February Use of practice rooms at The Sage Gateshead
10am – 6pm. Contact Liz to book a session. Free.

Sat.24th February C&A Group at Church Hall, Stanhope
11am – 3pm. Meeting of Composers' and Arrangers' Group with Guinea Pig Orchestra.
Cost £10 for C&A. GPO Free

Sun. 4th March Concert at Trinity Church, Ashington
12 – 3pm rehearsal, 3.30 – 4.30 performance. Afternoon concert aimed at a family audience.
Cost £5

Sat.10th March Study Day at the Primary School, Kirkby Stephen
11am – 4pm. Franck's Symphony in D minor with Andy Jackson.
Cost £15

Sat. 24th March Concert at Longbenton Community College, Newcastle
1.30 - 5.30pm Rehearsal 6.30 – 8.30pm Performance.
Collaboration between Longbenton's young players and Cobwebs.
Cost £5

Sat. 7th April Use of practice rooms at The Sage, Gateshead
10.00am – 6.00pm. Contact Liz to book a session. Free

13–15th April Sedbergh Residential Weekend

Advance notice of events after Easter 2007

Sun.13th May Study Day Collaboration with Ripon Community Orchestra. Late morning - tea time

Sat. 26th May Concert Hall 2 The Sage, Gateshead Afternoon rehearsal, evening concert.

4- 9th July Visit by Hungarian School Orchestra Would some Durham Cobweb players like to offer accommodation? Further details in next newsletter

Sat. 7th July Concert Consett Park. Morning rehearsal, afternoon performance.

Sun.8th July Concert Bishop Auckland. Proms in the Park Afternoon rehearsal, evening performance.

Sun.19-26th August Tuscany Residential

Sat. 6th October. Concert at the Empire Theatre, Consett.

Sat.17th November Concert in Northern Rock Foundation Hall, The Sage Gateshead

Sat/Sun. 1st-2nd December. DIY Residential at Ridley Hall

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The Newsletter has a new name but is otherwise in the same format except that many of you will have received it by e-mail. It can also be found on the Cobweb Orchestra website. The changes are all part of becoming independent so please bear with us if there are any glitches. Comments, suggestions and articles (short) are always welcome.

Over 500 people receive the newsletter. To minimise postage costs, if you haven't already done so, please let Liz Carlile (contact details below), have your e-mail address. If you wish to continue to receive communications by post please complete your name and address on the tick list and return it to Liz even if you do not wish to take part in any of the events listed.

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The Cobweb Orchestra ticklist January – April 2007

Please use this form together with the information supplied on the newsletter. You will receive further information about the event (exact time/place/cost etc.) when you enrol. Keep a copy of this form and then either post it or email it to Liz. (See newsletter for details.)

Name; _____

Instrument; _____

Email address; _____

If you wish to receive your information by post, then write your address below. Otherwise, we shall send you the information by email, so please check that you have written your email address down correctly.

I would like to enrol for;

Saturday January 6th 2007 2pm – 6 pm

Beethoven Study day yes/no

The Sage Gateshead with Clarence Adoo

Parts will not be sent out in advance for this event, but contact Liz for further information.

I enclose a cheque for £15.

I will/will not be attending the Meeting at 11 am – 1 pm. yes/no

I would like to take part in;

Saturday January 13th 2007 11 am – 5 pm

Music sorting day yes/no

I am interested in taking part in the following events and would like to be sent further details and an enrolment form when they are available.

Saturday January 27th 2007 Faure/Bizet Study day yes/no

Saturday February 10th 2007 Franck Study day yes/no
General Meeting yes/no

Sunday March 4th 2007 Afternoon family concert yes/no

Saturday March 10th 2007 Franck Study day yes/no

Saturday March 24th 2007 Concert in Longbenton yes/no

April 13th – April 15th 2007 Sedbergh residential - please send a form

I would like to receive information by post.

My address is; _____
