

DELIUS SOCIETY

NEWS LETTER

(Hon. Sec. Betty Ruffle)

Doughty Cottage,
Haverfield Gardens,
Kew, Richmond,
Surrey.

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Dear Member,

This newsletter is principally concerned with the two forthcoming London Concerts.

It is gratifying to report now that the music of Delius this year when one takes into consideration the Bradford Festival, the London Concert, and the two Sadler's Wells seasons of Village R & J, has had a greater representation in performance than any other performances by any other composer in public concert-giving with the exception of Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

October 29th Festival Hall Concert: The programme now consists of: Brigg Fair, The Violin Concerto, Eventyr and Paris. This change of programme is solely dictated we are told because Rudolf Kempe demanded it. But next year plans are well advanced for other conductors to give Delius programmes in London, and of course members will all be advised well in advance.

The position for the Festival Hall Concert as regards members has now been finalised. Members will all receive one FREE ticket for every ticket they purchase. This concession applies to tickets at 2ls., 15s. and 10s. seats. In order to facilitate Box Office arrangements, it is expected that members requirements will reach the Hon. Secretary at the above address not later than the 21st October. A stamped addressed envelope and remittance should accompany your requests at this time please.

It is hoped that the Festival Hall authorities will again co-operate with the provision of a table in a prominent part of the Hall, and it is hoped that members will take advantage of this to meet one another and assist in the enrolment of new members.

It cannot be over-emphasised that to confound our many would be detractors that we should make every effort to fill the hall, and therefore the more members and friends that can attend and meet, the better the interests of the Society will be served.

The Mass of Life at the Albert Hall on 10th December will also provide members with membership concessions. Details are still in the planning stage. What is already fixed however is a Social Evening in the nearby Donaldson Room at the Royal College of Music at 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. before the concert. It is hoped that members will attend, and it is further hoped that Delians in all walks of life will come or receive invitations.

The Hon. Secretary has finally heard from Mr. Wm. Glock and he has replied in a manner that befits any delegate at the much maligned United Nations. In other words, he has provided at great length a quasi-statistical analysis that suggests that Delius has his fair share of the air. We know that this is not so, and it is only because of Bradford that anything was done at all, and it leaves unanswered the question of only one work at the Proms.

In the October issue of Music and Musicians, there is a letter from Lionel Ovenden, deploring the presence of one Delius work in these Proms. This was underlined in the notice of the concert in question in the same paper by the Society's chairman, David Simmons. It is hoped that members will again contact Music and Musicians at Hobat Place, and reinforce both the remarks of Mr. Simmons and Mr. Lionel Ovenden. This should be quite effective propaganda as this magazine is known to be very sensitive about its' readers requirements.

With reference to the charcoal sketch we mentioned in our last issue, this has now been purchased by John S. Stubbs and is at his home at 77 South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. and members wishing to see it may arrange with Mr. Stubbs who may also be contacted at MINcing Lane 9089.

Roy Budden is giving Appalachas at his concert at the mid-Herts College of Further Education, Welwyn Garden City, on Saturday 17th November at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. H. Roberts of 13 Temple Road, Oxford will be giving a gramophone Recital at the Church Hall, King Alfred Street, Oxford on 26th November at 7.30 p.m.

Anyone wanting to play violin or cello parts of sonatas, please contact Mr. Charles Bernard of the Society's Committee of 15 Priory Close, Woking, Surrey. who welcomes their enquiries.

Mr. Brian Gee of 66 Platt Lane, Manchester has now moved to Flat 1, 70 Dudley Road, Manchester 16. MOSSside 2793.

As members have no doubt noticed by the address at the beginning of this newsletter, our Hon. Secretary has now moved to that address and all enquiries are to be sent there.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd). BETTY RUFFLE.