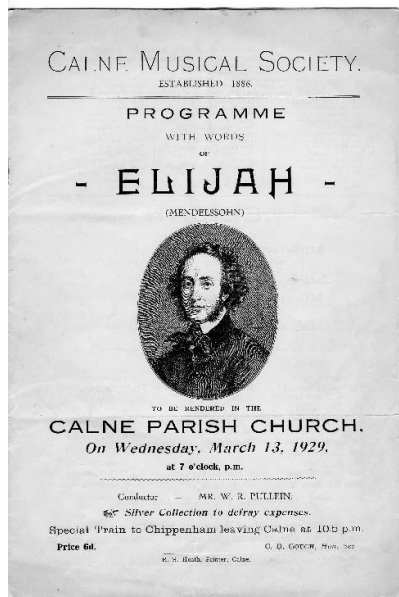


## History Rediscovered!

The recently re-discovered choir archives are full of interesting tit-bits. We have a complete list of music performed since the first concert in 1886 except for the period 1961-67. Were there no concerts then? Can anyone help with details if there were?

We are still sorting out the stack of concert information, but it looks as though the earliest we have is that for 1929. The cover for that Messiah performance is below. It is no surprise that Messiah has been popular, having been performed 16 times in whole or part, but Elijah having been performed 10 times before 1960, has only been figured once since. In a year when we are performing at St Andrew's Church in Chippenham, the records show that we have performed there at least twice before.



## NEWSLETTER: February 2017

I had a useful meeting with Carole Browne of the Calne Music and Arts Festival. Both of us want to have Calne Choral as part of the Festival. They offered us Saturday 7 October; the first Saturday and with no other event that evening, which is the date your Committee preferred. St Mary's Church has been booked. Phil is confident that we can put on a proper programme, without prejudicing the Christmas concert, by using a mix of works known to the choir.

Our proposal was that we organised our own concert under the Festival umbrella. The only input we would ask of the Festival organisers would be to include us in their brochure and publicity and to print tickets in the overall Festival style. Other than that, we would manage the event and keep all the income. This will be put to the Festival Committee, but your own Committee supports this approach.

In an effort to get earlier publicity for our events, the information that went to Calne Connection was that the Spring Concert would be in St Mary's Church. This was before the Church told us they had double booked and we had to re-arrange at St Andrew's Church in Chippenham. Please take every opportunity to tell your friends about the change. New information has been given to the Calne Information Centre.

I have tickets and posters for our 1 April Spring Concert.

David

8 May

### Dates for your diary:

1 April 2017.	Spring concert at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham
17 July 2017.	Soiree
7 October 2017.	Autumn concert at St Mary's Church, Calne
9 December 2017.	Christmas concert at St Mary's Church, Calne
28 April 2018.	Spring concert at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham

### .Rehearsal schedule: February - May 2017

*Always 1930 hours at Marden House unless shown otherwise*

20 Feb  
27 Feb  
6 March  
13 March  
20 March  
27 March  
30 March - concert rehearsal at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham  
1 April – rehearsal 1430 and concert 1930 at St Andrew's Church, Chippenham  
3 April  
10 April  
17 April – no rehearsal  
24 April  
1 May – no rehearsal

### Committee Members

David Bishop (Tenor rep)

Janet Coombs (Treasurer)

Ewen Bird (Bass Rep)

David Gillett (Vice-Chairman & Secretary)

Caroline Keevil (Alto rep)

Mary Pennell (Librarian)

Simon Phillips

Jack Robinson

Jeremy Sidmouth

Kate Wilson (Soprano rep)

In addition, Alison Bull is assisting with the 100 Club and Alison Johnson manages our Facebook pages.

At long last (and I hold up my hand for this not happening before), our web site is being sorted out. Stan Woods is going to carry out the update as well as showing a couple of us how to keep it up to date ourselves. We are also considering being able to sell concert tickets and how we might offer space to potential sponsors.