

SONGS FOR SUMMER

***A concert of
madrigals and folksongs
with readings and recitals***

Reader

Gary Hope

Musical Director

Roy Rashbrook

Saturday 25 June 2005

St Nicolas Church

Bury Street, Guildford

at 7.30pm

PROGRAMME

Flowers

Those Sweet Delightful Lilies *Thomas Bateson*
Adieu, Sweet Amaryllis *John Wilbye*
The Oak and the Ash *English Trad. arr. Edward*
Bairstow
Sweet Honey-sucking Bees *John Wilbye*

Reading

Water:

Afton Water *Scottish Trad. arr. David Willcocks*
The Sailor and Young Nancy *Norfolk Trad. arr. E. J.*
Moeran
O Waly, Waly *Somerset Trad. arr. John Rutter*

Reading

Love

April is in my Mistress' Face *Thomas Morely*
Lullaby, My Sweet Little Baby *William Byrd*
I Love my Love *Cornish Trad. arr. Gustav Holst*
Fair Phyllis I Saw *John Farmer*

Interval

All Creatures Now *John Bennet*

Reading

Birds & Flight

Sweet Suffolk Owl *Thomas Vautor*
The Silver Swan *Orlando Gibbons*

Reading

Miscellaneous

Sing We and Chant It *Thomas Morely*
Weep, O Mine Eyes *John Bennet*
Dashing Away with the Smoothing Iron *Trad. arr.*
John Rutter
It was a Lover and His Lass *John Rutter*

Roy Rashbrook studied at Goldsmith's College and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. As a singer, he combines regular performances as a member of the choirs of Saint Paul's Cathedral and the King's Consort with engagements as a tenor soloist performing with some of Britain's leading orchestras and ensembles including the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the City of London Sinfonia and the London Mozart Players. He continually appears on many CD recordings and radio and television broadcasts, both at home and abroad.

Roy has been the musical director of The Chantry Singers since September 2004.

Gary Hope lives in Guildford and, as a young actor played at the rep theatre here in North Street and of course in the reps in Leatherhead and Farnham. He was leading juvenile at many well known theatres including the Birmingham Rep and the Bristol Old Vic. Later, he played *Harcourt* to Maggie Smith's *Country Wife* in the play of that title in Chichester and in the same season played *Alexas* to Margaret Leighton's *Cleopatra*. He is a National Theatre player and for two years appeared as *Von Strack* in Shaffer's *Amadeus* both there and Her Majesty's Theatre.

He has recently finished a tour of the UK playing Lawrence Stern in Rosamunde Pilcher's *The Shell-seekers* - seen by many people from Guildford when it came to Woking - previously having playing appeared as Lord Hutton in Sky television's daily reconstruction of the infamous Hutton enquiry. His work has been broadcast for many years by BBC Radio, most recently his starring rôle as *Herr Vogl* in Radio 3's play about Franz Schubert entitled *The Trout - The One That Got Away*.

His television rôles stretch back a long way with appearances in *The Count of Monte Christo*, *The Onedin Line*, *The Corsican Brothers*, *Lady of the Camelias*, *The Dance of Death* as well as several appearances in *Play of the Month* and *Armchair Theatre*. He guested on several episodes of *The Avengers*, *Dangerman* and *The Saint*.

The composer John Lynton Gardner is Gary's cousin.

The Chantry Singers is a chamber choir based in Guildford which regularly performs three concerts a year. The choir was formed in 1983 by Tim Vennell, then deputy music director at the Royal Grammar School Guildford, who went on to conduct it for the next ten years.

His successors Peter Coulson, Andrew Wilson and Sarah Baldock carried forward his policy of alternating the unaccompanied repertoire with performances of major works. Throughout, the accent has been on a variety of musical styles from a variety of musical ages. Away from home the choir has sung services in several cathedrals, notably Rochester, Salisbury and St. George's Chapel Windsor.

Joanna Marsh was guest conductor for the choir's concert in December 2002 and directed the choir until the summer of 2004.

The choir was delighted to welcome Roy Rashbrook as their musical director in September 2004.

Our Next Concert

Saturday 12th November 2005 7.30pm
Saint Nicholas Church, Guildford
Handel - *Messiah* - with orchestra.