

IPSWICH ARTS ASSOCIATION with CHRIS GREEN

Things are really hotting up in the world of local arts with a bumper selection of events this coming weekend. Many have set admission charges at a manageable level, although it was interesting to hear one economist report last week on Radio 4 that although the rate of inflation had dropped, the rise in certain sectors had contributed to the feeling of being “worse off”. Amongst those was cited the cost of admission to concerts and theatres, so price does matter.

Before I get to those events, I must pay tribute to two colleagues who were listed in the King’s Birthday honours List. Both have been associated with my musical activities. John Rutter was knighted and he has been Trianon’s President for many years. The other colleague, also knighted is Roger Wright who has presided over the Britten-Pears Foundation, and before that was Controller of BBC Radio 3.



*Sir John Rutter with Professor Chris Green.  
Credit: Trianon.*

So to this coming bumper weekend which provides choice, but unfortunately also plenty of diary clashes. In Felixstowe, the Dorian Singers will be giving a concert. You can always be assured that these singers will give you plenty of tuneful enjoyment including songs from *The Wizard of Oz* and *Carousel*. The concert starts at 7.30pm in Kirton Church Hall, Church Lane, Kirton, IP10 0PT. Not only will there be some lovely light choral music but the guests will be the Champagne String Quartet. There will be the traditional strawberries and cream with wine or soft drinks during the interval and all for £12 (under 18s, £3) including refreshments and are available from The Card Centre, 6 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7AU (01394 283170), from choir members, or at the door.

A few miles away at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere St Andrews, The Orwell Singers are giving their summer concert which is to be held on Saturday 29th June at 7.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere St Andrew. Their programme will include music by John Williams and Ennio Morricone and musical styles ranging from light classical to jazz. Entrance is £10 for adults, cash payable at the door, and free for accompanied children. This will include refreshments of a cream scone and a summer cocktail. There will also be a raffle. For further details of the concert, please contact [d.sharman@btinternet.com](mailto:d.sharman@btinternet.com) or 07768 911512.



*The Orwell singers. Credit" The Orwell Singers.*

The third event on Saturday is a concert by the Ipswich Symphony Orchestra at the Ipswich Corn Exchange starting at 7.30pm. The programme includes an overture by Berlioz and a strong American flavour with Florence Price's Piano Concerto in One Movement with Alexandra Dariescu as soloist, and Dvorak's *"New World" Symphony*. Tickets are available from [www.ipswichtheatres.co.uk](http://www.ipswichtheatres.co.uk)

One of the groups that won an award from the Wolsey 550 celebration was the Ipswich Choral Society and on Sunday 30 June, they will be undertaking a very special event in Christchurch Park, Ipswich. The ICS “Celebrating Wolsey” event will start at 12.30pm at the Cenotaph in Christchurch Park. In the case of poor weather, the event will be moved to St Margaret’s Church nearby. I understand that the programme includes three pieces of new music written especially for the event and funded from the grant.

Music makes a difference to lives, and even in autocratic regimes it can be source of subtle criticism, so it was good to be able to hear a brilliant reissue of Prokofiev’s cantata *Alexander Nevsky* (refashioned form a film score), and another film score, *Lieutenant Kije*, a great favourite of mine. The St Louis Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leonard Slatkin laid down the tracks in 1977 not remastered, they shine in vivid sound (Vox-NX-3033CD).

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