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## ISO Celebration Concert

**Ipswich Symphony Orchestra** will be giving its inaugural concert at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 25 June. The group have, of course, been providing music in Ipswich for many years under the guise of IOS (Ipswich Orchestra Society). Brilliant young Russian star **Pavel Kolesnikov** (pictured below) will be performing Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto no.1*. Also included is Sibelius's popular early masterpiece, *Symphony no.1* and Berlioz's *Corsaire* overture. Free tickets are on offer to under 18s and students.



## IAA Meeting & Open House

The summer General Meeting of Ipswich Arts Association is scheduled for Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.30pm. The meeting takes place at the Ipswich Tourist Information Centre and will provide an opportunity to launch IAA's "Open House" – an information point which opens on Tuesday 21 June for the remainder of the week with live craft demonstrations.

Following the 45-minute business section of the IAA summer meeting, there will be refreshments followed by a talk by well-known local historian John Field about the history of St Stephen's Church (home to ITFC) and other town centre churches. The meeting is open to anyone, and there is no cost for admission.

## HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY FMT!

Back in 1965 a group of Am Dram enthusiasts in Felixstowe got together as an evening class at the then Secondary School in Maidstone Road. They produced the musical *Salad Days* at the school in 1966. It was well received and so **Felixstowe Musical Theatre (FMT)** was formed. Next, FMT hired the Spa Pavilion Theatre for *Free as Air*. Due to its success, one musical was performed each year at the Spa and in between Road Shows were taken to local villages.

In 1971 Roy Hudd OBE became the President and FMT has since gone from strength to strength. In the 1990's FMT performed their first pantomime and thereafter established a routine of a musical in the Summer and a pantomime in November, all performed at the Spa until its closure. Since then FMT have performed their productions at the Seckford Theatre in Woodbridge and in between have produced floor shows at the Conservative Club in Felixstowe. Celebrating FMT's 50<sup>th</sup>, the group perform *A Musical Journey*, at Felixstowe's Conservative Club from 25 May to 28 May.

## COASTAL CONCERTS

The **Gippeswyk Singers** perform a concert of English music at Felixstowe on Saturday 2 July, following a summer tour taking in York and Harrogate. **Trianon Music Group** will be spending the summer in preparation for their visit to the Snape Maltings in September.



## Celebrating Contemporary Craft

GALLERY 2 is the Ipswich home of the **Suffolk Craft Society** in the Town Hall on Cornhill.

This June the Society and its hundred or so talented makers celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Gallery with a very special exhibition opening Saturday 18 June and running during the week. There will be free demonstrations, including stone carving and metalwork, printmaking and textiles, inside and outside the Gallery. Go to: [www.suffolkcraftsociety.org](http://www.suffolkcraftsociety.org) or phone 01473 432865 for details.

## Music Day, 3 July, Christchurch Park Celebrating 25 years

Again we will be using Christchurch Mansion, St Margaret's Church and Bethesda Baptist church. Please make a note of the date and timing and support the performing groups. It's free and under cover should it rain. Mansion performances are 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

St Margaret's Church, and Bethesda Baptist Church performances are 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

We have choirs, instrumentalists – including a return of the Suzuki group – and hope to have some brass bands.

Helpers are needed in the three venues. If you can help please ring: Ivan Gilson 01473 658 387 or Chris Pearce 01473 738 324.

We will keep you informed of the programme as soon as we are able and look forward to seeing you there.

**Ivan Gilson IAA**

## Two Composer Societies Join Forces

On 7 May The East Anglian branch of the **Elgar Society** and the **Ralph Vaughan Williams Society** are joining forces for a symposium and concert to celebrate the chamber works of both composers. The event forms the first in the 2016 season of **Woodbridge Chamber Concerts**, now in its ninth season.

The event begins with a free symposium about the composers at 2.00pm in Queen's House, Woodbridge School, with a concert in St Mary's Parish Church at 7.30pm. The Sacconi Quartet will be joined by the tenor Nicky Spence and the pianist Gary Matthewman.

[www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk](http://www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk)

## Introducing Ipswich Hospital Community Choir *Secretary Anne Pope sent in a profile of a group which has recently joined the IAA.*

*The IHCC provides a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can join together in the pure pleasure of singing. Our ever-expanding repertoire includes pop songs throughout the decades and show songs, most of which are sung in four or six-part harmony.*

*We are in no way a formal choral society, rather a very relaxed and fun group. We are affiliated with the Ipswich Hospital and are regularly asked to perform at hospital events. We also perform at community fetes/fundraisers and enter local and national competitions with events this year including BBC Choir of the Year Auditions and the final Ipswich Has Got Talent Show at the Ipswich Regent.*

## IAA Town Lectures & Concerts

Thursdays at Museum Street Methodist Church (entrance in Black Horse Lane). Events start at 1.00pm and end at 1.50pm. **ADMISSION IS FREE**. Donations from **£2.00** per head are most valued.

**12 May** Lecture: St Mary at the Quay by Suzanne Hawkes

**9 June** Concert: The Birbeck Singers, Musical Director Be. Bird

**14 July** Lecture: Did The Sewers Save Lives? Dr Anne Folan

**11 August** Concert: Suffolk Organists Association. **THIS EVENT ONLY IS IN THE CORN EXCHANGE.**

# what's on

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	TIME	CONTACT
Thur 5 May	Ipswich Recorded Music Society. An evening with Chris Green, OBE	Meeting Room, 19 Tower Street	7.30pm	Paul Smith 01473 402276 or Peter Partridge 01473 422386
Thur 5 May	Concert. Shook Twins	St Peter's by the Waterfront	7.45pm	www.stpetersbythewaterfront.com
Sat 7 May	Trianon Music Group. Concert	St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds	7.30pm	www.tmg.org.uk
Sat 7 May	W'bridge Chamber Concerts. Symposium + Vaughan Williams/Elgar. Concert	Queens House, W'bridge School St Mary's Church, Woodbridge	2.00pm 7.30pm	www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk
Thur 12 May	IAA Lunchtime Lecture	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	Vera Rogers 01473 836973
Thur 12 May	Ips G&S. Open audition PIRATES	Belstead Village Hall, Belstead	7.30pm	www.ipswichgands.org.uk
Sat 14 May	Wolsey Orchestra. Concert	Corn Exchange	7.30pm	www.wolseyorchestra.org
Sat 14 May	Ipswich Gilbert&Sullivan. Concert	Woodbridge Community Hall	7.30pm	Mrs J Steward 01473 721481
Sun 15 May	Ips Light Organ Music Society. Concert	Castle Hill United Reform Church	2.30pm	<a href="http://www.ipswichorgansociety.moonfruit.com">www.ipswichorgansociety.moonfruit.com</a>
Thur 19 May	Ips Recorded Music Society AGM	The Meeting Room, 19 Tower Street	7.30pm	Paul Smith 01473 402276
Sat 21 May	Ipswich Chamber Choir. Concert	St Andrew's Church, Rushmere	3.00pm	On door or at Music World
Sat 21 May	W'bridge Chamber Concerts. Benyounes Quartet	St Mary's Parish Church, W'bridge	7.30pm	www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk
Wed 25 May to Sat 28 May	Felixstowe Musical Theatre. 50 <sup>th</sup> year celebration. A Musical Journey	The Conservative Club, Felixstowe	7.30pm	<a href="http://www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk">www.felixstowemusicaltheatre.co.uk</a>
Sat 28 May	Woodbridge Chamber Concerts. The Ruisi Quartet & The Alke Quartet	St Mary's Parish Church, Woodbridge	7.30pm	www.woodbridgechamberconcerts.org.uk
Sat 4 Jun	Tower Chamber Choir. Concert	St Mary-le-Tower Church	6.00pm	On door or at Music World
Sat 4 Jun	Ipswich Hospital Community Choir	Capel St Mary	1.00pm-5.00pm	www.ipshoschoir.org.uk
Sat 4 Jun	Orwell Singers. Concert	St Michael & All Saints Church, Martlesham	7.30pm	01473 635955
Sat 4 Jun	Ipswich Gilbert&Sullivan. Concert	St John the Baptist Church, Felixstowe	7.30pm	Mark Davis 01394 670367
Thur 9 Jun	IAA Concert. The Birbeck Singers	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	Vera Rogers 01473 836973
Sat 11 Jun	Ipswich Gilbert&Sullivan. Concert	West Mersea Parish Church	7.30pm	admin@fwmpc.org.uk
Sat 18 Jun	Ips Hospital Com Choir. Singing	Alton Water, Great East Swim event	tbc	www.ipshoschoir.org.uk
Mon 20 Jun	IAA General Meeting	Ipswich Tourist Information Centre	7.30pm	ipswich-arts.org.uk
Tues 21 Jun	IAA Open House Event	Ipswich Tourist Information Centre	10.00am to 4.00pm	
To Sat 25 Jun	Come and meet IAA societies and groups			ipswich-arts.org.uk
Sat 25 Jun	Ipswich Symphony Orchestra, Celebratory Concert. Guest pianist Pavel Kolesnikov	Corn Exchange	7.30pm	www.ipswichcornexchange.com
Sat 2 Jul	Gippeswyk Singers. Concert	Salvation Army Citadel, Felixstowe	7.30pm	www.gippeswyksingers.co.uk
Sat 2 Jul	Ipswich Gilbert&Sullivan. Concert	Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew	7.30pm	01473 251632
Sun 3 Jul	Ipswich Music Day. IAA Classical Stage	see back page for more details		www.ipswich-arts.org.uk
Thur 14 Jul	IAA. Lunchtime Lecture. Dr Anne Folan	Museum Street, Methodist Church	1.00pm	Vera Rogers 01473 836973
Thur 11 Aug	IAA. Lunchtime Concert. Suffolk Organists Assoc.	Corn Exchange	1.00pm	Vera Rogers 01473 836973

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