

Programme for 2018

27 th January	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	David Pickard on 'Running the BBC Proms'	David Pickard, Director of the BBC Proms, talks about his first two years running the world's biggest music festival, and plans for the future
24 th March	AGM, followed by 'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Julia Aries on 'The Glyndebourne Archive'	Julia Aries, Glyndebourne Archivist for the past 20 years, talks about the history of the Festival and especially of the Touring Company.
13 th May	Wessex Award Recital At Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Claire Barnett-Jones (mezzo)	Claire will give a recital of arias and other songs, preceded by fizz and canapés, at Itchen Abbas Village Hall.
7 th July	Glyndebourne at Beaulieu Concert	A quartet of singers and accompanist from the Glyndebourne Festival	The ever-popular summer 'opera pops' at Beaulieu Abbey Church in collaboration with Music at Beaulieu.
29 th September	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Keiron Cooke (Askonas Holt) on the role of the operatic agent	Keiron manages a number of leading operatic singers including Sarah Connolly, Brindley Sherratt and Duncan Rock
October	Ballot for Glyndebourne Festival tickets	Entry forms included with the October <i>Update</i> .	24 tickets available to the Association
28 th October	Visit GoT at Glyndebourne	Massenet's <i>Cendrillon</i>	A coach will be available, and lunch is provided at Glyndebourne.
20 th November	Visit GoT at Woking	Verdi's <i>La Traviata</i>	A coach will be available for this evening performance with a reception for the cast to follow.
8 th December	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Roderick Kennedy On 'Dorset Opera—a different sort of opera company'	Roderick is Artistic Director of Dorset Opera, which brings together a cast for a two-week workshop each July to produce two operas for performance

I enclose my cheque for £20.00 payable to the Wessex Glyndebourne Association being a subscription to the association for myself and my household for the year ending 31st December 2018. I agree clearance of my cheque will be a sufficient receipt. I hereby consent to Wessex Glyndebourne Association holding my personal details in connection with my membership. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time, but recognise that this would effectively cause my membership to lapse.

Name.....

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Please send to:-

Membership Secretary, WGA, Tioman, Straton Road, Winchester SO23 0JQ

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W e s s e x G L Y N D E B O U R N E A s s o c i a t i o n

Established in 1985 by a group of opera enthusiasts, the association seeks to provide financial support for the Glyndebourne opera companies and, in particular, '*Glyndebourne on Tour*'. We are a Corporate member of the Glyndebourne Festival Society and receive an allocation of twenty-four tickets for the Festival Opera season. Wessex Glyndebourne Association members are able to enter an annual ballot for a pair of these tickets.

Glyndebourne on Tour

Our members support the '*Glyndebourne on Tour*' (GoT) company by joining the audiences at Glyndebourne and other theatres in the Southeast. An annual donation is made out of income from events and subscriptions.

Friends of Glyndebourne

Glyndebourne recognises our association by treating our members, as far as mailings and bookings are concerned, as '*Friends of Glyndebourne on Tour*'.

The Wessex Award

Singers often have a difficult time in the early stages of their career. In 1997 we established an annual award to support deserving young singers from the GoT chorus. This money allows them to pay for extra lessons, scores, language classes, travel and other necessities.

Our activities

A number of '*In-House*' events are arranged at midday on certain Saturdays, usually in the Winchester area, when performers, composers, choreographers, designers, répétiteurs, wig makers and so on give a short talk which is

followed by a light lunch. Recent speakers have included Dame Ann Murray and Jonathan Kent.

We visit Glyndebourne in the autumn to hear one of the GoT productions before the tour starts. On this occasion we lunch at Glyndebourne and are sometimes able to take a back-stage tour.

We also buy a block of tickets for a GoT performance at Woking and round off our evening with a reception to which members of the company are invited. A coach is arranged for both these GoT visits, provided sufficient members wish to use it.

In order to support our Wessex Award winners we arrange a recital each year at a pleasant venue, followed by supper.

In collaboration with the *Music at Beaulieu Trust* we arrange an annual concert at Beaulieu Abbey Church where four young singers from Glyndebourne give us a wonderful evening of opera.

'Update'

Our newsletter '*Update*' is published several times a year providing details of dates and events including booking forms. '*Update*' will be forwarded by email whenever possible so please do put your email address on the Booking Form.

How to join us

The annual subscription for a household, renewable on 1st January, is £20.00. Initial subscriptions, paid after 1st July, are valid until the end of the following year. If you wish to join, please complete the attached form and send it to our Membership Secretary.

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