

# Programme for 2017

21 <sup>st</sup> January	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Michael Chance on 'The new Grange Festival'	Michael Chance, the distinguished counter-tenor, talks about his plans as Artistic Director of the new Grange Festival
25 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM, followed by 'In-House' talk and lunch at St Peter's Pastoral Centre Winchester	David Rendall on 'My career in opera'	David Rendall, who enjoyed a long career as a tenor before a stage accident brought his career to a premature end, talks about his experiences on the opera stage.
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Wessex Award Recital At Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Edmund Danon (bass-baritone)	Edmund will give a recital of arias and other songs, preceded by fizz and canapés, at Itchen Abbas Village Hall.
8 <sup>th</sup> 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.
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Anne Minors on 'Designing a successful concert hall'	Ann specialises in designing performance spaces that provide the best sight-lines and acoustic experience in the concert hall.
October	Ballot for Glyndebourne Festival tickets	Entry forms included with the October <i>Update</i> .	24 tickets available to the Association
October	Visit GoT at Glyndebourne	Mozart's <i>Così fan Tutte</i>	A coach will be available, and lunch is provided at Glyndebourne.
November	Visit GoT at Woking	Rossini's <i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	A coach will be available for this evening performance with a reception for the cast to follow.
9 <sup>th</sup> December	'In-House' talk and lunch at Itchen Abbas Village Hall	Scott Cooper of The Grange Festival on 'Casting for a newly established opera company.'	Scott has been responsible for casting both for Grange Park Opera and now for The Grange Festival.

Programme subject to change. Please check in the most recent copy of your *Update* newsletter.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. I agree clearance of my cheque will be a sufficient receipt.

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Please send to:-

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

# 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 Founder member of the Glyndebourne Festival Society and receive an allocation of twenty-four tickets for the Festival Opera. 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 Winchester, 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 Felicity Palmer and Gus Christie.

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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