

# WESSEX GLYNDEBOURNE ASSOCIATION

## Update – Autumn 2017

The Glyndebourne Ballot and membership renewal has been sent out ahead of this mailing. We hope that some of you who are not on Standing Orders will consider paying in this way, and enclose a form in case you might use it.

At the time of writing we have recently seen Rossini's *Barber of Seville* performed by the Touring company at Glyndebourne - a revival of the outstanding production in the 2016 Festival. Members were generally bowled over by a very spirited production which seemed never to pause for breath! This was also the occasion for our presentation of the Wessex Award, this year to Claire Barnett-Jones, a mezzo considered by Glyndebourne to have great promise, as already evidenced by her performance in Verdi's Requiem with the University of East Anglia - you can see this on YouTube. We're very much looking forward to her visit to us next May.

You will find enclosed a booking form for the first two In House events of 2018. Please make sure you have renewed your membership when sending your booking form with a cheque for the appropriate amount. We also have now to comply with new Data Protection regulations, and so a form is enclosed for you to complete and send with your booking, or (if not booking this time round) directly to Dr Max Wilson. Please note that your membership cannot continue without completing this form.

### **Saturday 27th January**

We are very fortunate to have secured David Pickard's agreement to come and talk to us about his first two years at the helm of the BBC Proms. Many of you will remember David's previous visits while he was General Director of Glyndebourne, and we know that most if not all our members follow the Proms each year, either on BBC Radio or Television, or by attending some of the performances. In recent years, various operas have featured strongly in the programming, not least with the annual visit from Glyndebourne itself. We're sure David's talk will prove very popular, so do please book early.

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Glyndebourne Touring company. Accordingly, we thought it would be interesting to have a talk from the Glyndebourne Archivist, Julia Aries, about the history of Glyndebourne, and in particular the Touring company. Julia has held this post for nearly 20 years, and so has a unique perspective on how Glyndebourne has evolved, together with a fund of stories that will doubtless entertain us greatly. If you've ever popped in to the Archive at Glyndebourne, you'll know that it is full of fascinating treasures!

Preceding her talk we will be holding our AGM at 11.30 - do please attend this if you can.

Future dates for your diaries:-

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Wessex Award recital, at Itchen Abbas Hall as usual, by the 2017 winner Claire Barnett-Jones, a talented mezzo and a member of the Glyndebourne chorus in this year's Festival and Tour. More details in the next Update, including a possible change of format for this event.

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Glyndebourne at Beaulieu – four outstanding young Glyndebourne chorus members present operatic selections in this ever popular concert, when they never seem to fail to impress us with their talents. We will have our usual allocation of 70 tickets.

Meanwhile, we are working hard on our programme for the rest of 2018, and more details will be forthcoming in the next Update.

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## Booking form – Spring 2018

Date	Event	Place	Ticket Price	No. of Tickets	Subtotal
Saturday 27th January 12 noon	In House talk by David Pickard 'Running the BBC Proms' Followed by lunch with wine	Itchen Abbas Village Hall	£17 for members £20 for guests		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 11.30am	The Association's AGM, and then Julia Aries on 'The Glyndebourne Archive' Followed by lunch with wine	Itchen Abbas Village Hall	£17 for members £20 for guests		
				<b>TOTAL</b>	

Member's Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode.....Telephone .....

E-mail address (if not already provided).....

Amount of enclosed cheque: £.....

(to be made payable, please, to : Wessex Glyndebourne Association)

**Please return this form to: Mrs Brigid McManus, 23 Little Hayes Lane, Itchen Abbas, SO21 1XA together with a stamped addressed envelope.**