

# making music **WrittleSingers**

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**Musical Director  
Christine Gwynn**

*Soprano*

Jane Atkinson, Sarah Cuff, Michèle Marshall,  
Catherine Reeve, Jean Rose, Helen Simsey

*Alto*

Audrey Cassidy, Sue Hirst, Emma Norton,  
Sophie Richards

*Tenor*

Martin Atkinson, Alan Flower, Martin Mason

*Bass*

Peter Brisley, Martin Clarke, Steven Clews,  
Andrew Taylor

Writtle Singers is a friendly mixed-voice chamber choir which aims to perform an exciting variety of music to the highest standard and provide enjoyment for both singers and audience. Based in the village of Writtle where we rehearse on Monday evenings in the historic church of All Saints, our members come from all over Essex and beyond. Our repertoire is varied, and recent concerts have included Gabriel Jackson's *To the Field of Stars*, the *Messe Solennelle* by Langlais, and Duruflé's *Requiem*, along with works by composers from Weelkes and Wilbye through to contemporaries such as Janet Wheeler.

Why not come and sing with us? We would welcome new members in all voice parts. For more information, email [info@writtlesingers.org](mailto:info@writtlesingers.org) or ring 07770 884913.



## *Friends of Writtle Singers*

We are most grateful to our Friends listed below, for their continuing support.

Glyn Buckmaster, John Buckmaster, Pamela Butt,  
Keith Byatt, Alistair Fiddes, Heather Gwynn,  
Jenny Haxell, Brian Marsh, Vera Mason,  
Graham Reeve, Pamela Rose, Paul Tarrant, Liz Tiplin

For more details of our Friends scheme,  
please ring Martin Mason on 01277 657774.

Forthcoming Events from Writtle Singers

## *Open Rehearsal*

Exploring music for our *Northern Lights* concert  
Monday 17th September 2018, 7:30pm

## *Northern Lights*

A venture northwards, to include  
Scotland, Iceland, Norway and Estonia  
Featuring music by  
Pearsall, Arvo Pärt, Ola Gjeilo, Elgar and Grieg  
Saturday 17th November 2018, 7:30pm

## *Candlelit Christmas Concert*

Wednesday 12th December 2018, 8:00pm

## *Night Watch - Music for Vespers*

Saturday 30th March 2019, 7:30pm

all at All Saints' Church, Writtle

Look at our website for more details -  
[www.writtlesingers.org](http://www.writtlesingers.org)  
where concert tickets can also be purchased



## *Writtle Singers CDs*

*Wroving* ~ music from our travels

*Wrejoice!* ~ Christmas music

*Wrelax* ~ soothing music

All three CDs are available to buy  
tonight, price £7 each

Buy 2 or more CDs for only £5 each

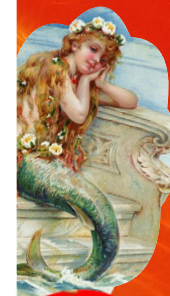
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# WrittleSingers

Conductor: Christine Gwynn

# Stuff and Nonsense



Saturday 7th July 2018

7:30pm

All Saints' Church, Writtle





# Stuff *and* Nonsense

A musical miscellany  
*from the sublime*  
*to the ridiculous*

Thank you for joining us tonight for our 2018 summer concert. The chance acquisition of a set of Seiber's Nonsense Songs – three pithy settings of Edward Lear – somehow led to us compiling this "musical miscellany from the sublime to the ridiculous". In truth, you may detect a scarcity of the former and a distinct preponderance of the latter, but we hope you won't mind too much...

Our thanks to the Church Wardens and PCC of All Saints, to all who have assisted with this event in any way and to you, our audience, for sharing it with us.

*Have you considered becoming a Friend of Writtle Singers?*

Benefits of our Friends scheme include:

- >>> a free ticket to each of our concerts
- >>> a discount on further tickets
- >>> invitations to social events and workshops
- >>> optional acknowledgement in our programmes

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## ~ PART ONE ~

I do like to be beside the seaside  
John A. Glover-Kind arr. Andrew Carter

### Three Nonsense Songs

Matyas Seiber

There was an old lady of France  
There was an old person of Cromer  
There was an old man in a tree

### Easy Dances for Piano Duet

Matyas Seiber

### Drunken Sailor

arr. Jonathan Willcocks

### The Mermaid

arr. John Whitworth

### Reading

### The Shifty Land

Martin Taylor

Frinton on Sea

The Mountains of Chelmsford

Stifford

Southend Road

### Reading

### Tequila Samba

Guy Turner

## ~ INTERVAL ~

Refreshments will be served  
at the back of the church

## ~ PART TWO ~

### Bushes and Briars

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

### Three Folksongs

arr. Jonathan Rathbone

The Oak and the Ash  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
Nine Hundred Miles

### Reading

### Five Childhood Lyrics

John Rutter

Monday's Child

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

Windy Nights

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Sing a Song of Sixpence

### Strawberry Fair

arr. Jonathan Rathbone

## *We would love to see you at our next Open Rehearsal*

At our next Open Rehearsal, we will be exploring music for our November concert, *Northern Lights*.

If you have choral singing experience, or perhaps play an instrument and would like to air your voice for a change, do come along and join us.

And if the wonderful music isn't enough to entice you, we also make really nice cakes!

Monday 17th September, 7:30 for 7:45 start.

Find our more on our website - [www.wrattlesingers.org](http://www.wrattlesingers.org)