



Fellow members of LMS.

This year I am determined not repeat my verbose reports of previous years as my sincere thanks as Chairman of Leicester Music Society can be summed up as below. My thanks and that of the Society are due to:

1. ...all members and visitors whose attendance at meetings have maintained a fruitful relationship between the speakers and we the audience.
2. ...Christchurch, through the Jean Baxtor, for the facilities we use and for the valuable and safe storage of equipment.
3. ...our speakers this year for their varied and most interesting talks which are enhanced by their scholarship, knowledge and enthusiasm as well as the educative recordings. The live music meeting in December raised a good amount for charity too. I'm not singling out individual speakers as every meeting is meticulously recorded with a vote of thanks, a comprehensive track list and photographs on the website.
4. ...the members and speakers who donate funds or their fees to help the society. Their valued contributions will be highlighted by David Saunders in his Treasurer's Report.
5. ...Ron, the Hon. Secretary, for his detailed minutes and splendid creation and management of the Society's website. His work for the national federation [FRMS] is to be applauded too.
6. ...David, the Hon. Treasurer for his precise accounts which he presents with clarity, and his warm relationship with all the speakers whilst he maintains a tight and efficient control of the HiFi equipment.
7. ...Neil, our President, whose wise counsel is always invaluable especially considering his wealth of experience and longevity with the Society.
8. ...Sue, the newest recruit to the committee. In a very short time, we have come to appreciate her dynamic ideas, valuable musical understanding and pragmatism.

As always, we rely on members to suggest speakers or topics for the talks and we always strive to follow these up. So much so, that we have speakers pencilled in for almost two seasons after the next. In the forthcoming 79th season we have built on the plans we set a couple of years ago. Not only will we welcome back of a couple of our popular speakers but we have new ones too. The fact that we have so much talent in the membership who can and do give talks is a great help and these complement superbly with our external guest speakers. In the current season, with your support and that of our many guests, the average numbers for each meeting have been maintained with some, inevitably, being more popular than others. The raising of the subscription and the meeting fee does not appear to affected numbers. Our Hon. Treasurer will explain this in his report. How we maintain this in the future does depend on an increase in new members and visitors. If we are all prepared to introduce new and more visitors to the meetings, the future will seem a bit more secure.

Every single one of us is essential in helping LMS survive and I am grateful to each and every one of you for that.

David Fisher
Chairman, LMS