

THAMES VALE SINGERS

Future Concerts

AUTUMN CONCERTS

The Autumn concerts will be
'The Pirates of Penzance'
held on Friday 26th and Saturday
27th October
at The Barn, Purley on Thames

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Christmas concerts will be
traditional style held on Friday
14th and Saturday 15th December
at The Barn, Purley on Thames

Would You Like To Join Us?

Thames Vale Singers would currently
welcome new tenors, basses or
sopranos although there is a waiting
list for altos.

No audition is needed.

If you would like more information and
are interested in joining us please
telephone

Linda Stern on: 0118 946 1150

or email us on:

mail@thamesvalesingers.org.uk

RECITAL

7-30 pm Saturday, 23rd June

at

Tilehurst Methodist Church

A recital of German lieder English Song and
operatic arias given by:

Sally de Frates, Gordon Fry and Bernard Soper

Entrance is **free**

There will be a retiring collection for
Action for Children.

Thanks to Purley Players for the use
of their stage

Stage lighting supplied by
Dinrino Theatre Services

THAMES VALE SINGERS

present

A Concert to Celebrate the
Reign of

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Tuesday 5 June 2012

at

The Barn
Purley on Thames

Musical Director: Bernard Soper

Accompanist: Peter Bernard

website: www.thamesvalesingers.org.uk



Programme

Hymn of Praise

Mendelssohn

Soloists:

Soprano

Sally de Frates

Louise Hemmings

Tenor

Gordon Fry

— Interval —

Hiawatha's Wedding Feast

Samuel Coleridge Taylor

Tenor Gordon Fry

Duet from Carmen

Bizet

Soprano

Sally de Frates

Tenor

Gordon Fry

'La donna e mobile'

Giuseppe Verdi - from the opera Rigoletto

Tenor

Gordon Fry

All The British Grenadiers

Traditional Marching Song

Choir Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

J S Bach

All The Drunken Sailor

Traditional Sea Shanty

All Rule Britannia

Music : Thomas Arne , Words: James Thomson

All Land of Hope and Glory

Music: Edward Elgar, Words: A C Benson

All God Save The Queen

Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise was written as his second symphony which was part of a musical twenty five year celebration of Gutenberg's invention of printing with movable type in 1840. It was for this same festival that he wrote the Carol we know in England as 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'.

Mendelssohn was a regular visitor to England and it was he who did so much to promote the oratorio which became such an important part of English Musical life in the 19th Century. It is not only a religious hymn of praise, but is a celebration of everything good and wholesome in our lives.

The mood of Hiawatha's wedding feast is also one of abundance, celebration and general good heartedness.

These British connections make it very appropriate that we perform these two works as part of the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee.

So with these sentiments in mind we ask you to round the evening off by joining in with a few 'old patriotic favourites' to wish Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh our best wishes for their Diamond Jubilee.