

PETER WARLOCK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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We apologise for the fact that a newsletter has not been issued for some months - fairly eventful months as it happens.

NEW SECRETARY

The AGM was held on May 8 and attached to this newsletter is a copy of the accounts presented on that occasion. The important change among the officers of the Society is that Malcolm Rudland has taken over from John Bishop as secretary; the latter remains publicity officer and editor of the newsletter.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

Following the death last year of Sir John Barbirolli, we were without a Vice-President. We are pleased to announce that following invitations from the committee, Peter Pears, Lord Harewood and Lennox Berkeley have all agreed to be Vice-Presidents.

WARLOCK RECORDS

In a previous issue of the newsletter we wrote about the record of Warlock songs made by David Johnston and issued by Galliard. This record has been widely and favourably reviewed : attached are some press-cuttings.

Two other records of Warlock music - one of choral music and songs, the other a Merry-go-down programme of songs, poems and catches - have been completed and in the next issue of the newsletter we expect to be able to give full details of release date and contents.

WARLOCK BOOKS REPRINTED

We have been in touch with a firm called Educational Productions Ltd. and as a result it seems likely that they will shortly be reissuing two of Warlock's books - Merry-go-down and Songs of the gardens. Again we expect to give full details in the next newsletter.

'CODPIECES' TO BE PUBLISHED

The piano-duet arrangement made by our chairman, Fred Tomlinson, of two of Warlock's Codpieces - 'Beethoven's Bingo' and 'The Old Codger' - is to be published by Thames Publishing, probably in August. These two pieces are included on one of the forthcoming records referred to above.

RECENT...AND FORTHCOMING

The Elizabethan Singers devoted half of a recent Purcell Room concert to Warlock choral items and songs.....Robert Tear sang four Warlock items in Redcliffe Concert of British Music given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in March...the Society presented a Warlock programme as part of the Pepys Week celebrations at St Olave's Church in the City, with Michael Goldthorpe, Jennifer Partridge and Fred Tomlinson.

The Society is to present a Warlock Merry-go-down in Eynsford on September 18, by invitation of the Dartford Rural District Arts Council. Fred Tomlinson is devising the programme. Anyone interested in going should contact Carey Blyton on 755 4380.

ARTICLE BY OUR FOUNDER

We are pleased to include with this issue an article by the founder of the Society, C.P. Mills.