

PETER WARLOCK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter may be short but the attachments to it are important and we hope members will respond enthusiastically.

CODPIECES PUBLISHED

Fred Tomlinson's arrangement of two of the Cod-pieces is now available from Thames music. Full details are on the attached sheet.

MERRY-GO-DOWN RECORD AND BOOK AVAILABLE

A project much cherished by our Chairman, Fred Tomlinson, comes to fruition in December when Unicorn issue 'A Peter Warlock Merry-go-down'. Fred arranged and directed the programme, which contains numerous Warlock items hitherto unrecorded. The record is available to Society members at a special price - please see the attached leaflet and order form.

In 1929, Warlock published his anthology Merry-go-down, under the pseudonym 'Rab Noolas'. This 231-page 'gallery of gorgeous drunkards through the ages, collected for the use, interest, illumination and delectation of serious toppers', decorated by Hal Collins, has now been republished in a photographic facsimile by S.R. Publishers at £3, and is available from booksellers or direct from S.R. Publishers (East Ardsley, Wakefield, Yorks).

This is a superb anthology, with a bright cover specially provided for the new edition. Rab Noolas wrote in his preface that the book is intended 'for the delight of the converted: for those who still possess a shred of the old sense of humour which Puritanism, and dyspepsia, and newspaper reading and tea drinking have nearly extinguished'.

CHORAL MUSIC RECORD

Negotiations are nearly complete for the issue of an LP record devoted to Warlock's choral music and songs. This has been made by the Elizabethan Singers conducted by Herrick Bunney, with Morys Davies/baritone and Heather Kay/soprano. Full details will be given in the next newsletter, or may perhaps be the subject of a special communication.

BROCHURE

A 12-page brochure giving full details of the availability of all Warlockiana - books, music, records, etc. - is now in active preparation and copies should be available in January 1972.

LETTER FROM BERNARD VAN DIEREN

The article by P. Mills in the last issue attracted a letter from Bernard van Dieren which is reproduced on a separate page.

BOOK OF UNPUBLISHED SONGS

Please read carefully the attached leaflet giving details of the proposed publication of a book of hitherto unpublished warlock songs. Your response to this suggestion will have a considerable bearing on whether the project proceeds.

ADVERT IN 'THE GRAMOPHONE'

In an attempt to increase membership of the Society we have been running a small ad in 'The Gramophone' recently. Quite a few enquiries have resulted from this.

WARLOCK AT EYNSFORD.....

Fred Tomlinson took a party of singers to Eynsford on September 18 to present a Warlock Merry-go-down on behalf of the Dartford Rural District Arts Council.

.....AT GODALMING

On November 23 an ambitious programme of Warlock choral, vocal and instrumental music is being given in Godalming Parish Church, by the Tuesday Singers, with Morys Davies/baritone, Jennifer Partridge/soprano and piano, Fred Tomlinson/piano and other artists. Full details in the next issue.

CURWEN EDITIONS

Not all readers may know that the music publishers Curwens are no longer trading as a separate firm. The Curwen list has been divided, and Faber Music now publish a 'Curwen Edition' which includes the Capriol Suite in the versions for piano solo, piano duet, violin and piano, string orchestra and full orchestra. Also included is the Warlock/Mangeot edition of the Purcell Fantasias. Curwen's choral music is now issued by Robertson Publications, The Windmill, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks.