13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Paul Harris will speak on:

#### **Malcolm Arnold**

[1921 - 2006] whose legacy in film music, orchestral & instrumental works, pieces for ballet and theatre and a towering set of symphonies is almost unparalleled in the twentieth century.

10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Barry Sterndale-Bennett will speak on:

### William Sterndale Bennett [1816 - 1875] - an

English beacon of hope, a misunderstood prodigy or a rather tragic figure?

This is an ideal opportunity to reappraise William Sterndale Bennett's considerable contribution as a composer, pianist, conductor and influential music educator on the bicentenary of his birth in 2016

**The Tomkins Lecture** 

8<sup>th</sup> December

Steve Plews will speak on:



#### Jazz in the Studio

An insight into the work of a jazz artist and classical composer. Through his studio and label, Steve actively promotes artists in the fields of contemporary classical and jazz musics.

Barry Collett will speak on:

12<sup>th</sup> January 2016



and explore the life and work of a notable German composer in the fields of opera and a wide range of the composer's other works.

**The Jenny Roberts Lecture** 

9<sup>th</sup> February 2016





Opera – an insider's view

Darron is an opera singer, raconteur and a conductor of a large number of workplace choirs. He'll lift the lid on the operatic workplace and discuss his favourite music and singers.

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Neil Roberts** will be asking:



Aimez-vous Brahms?

or "Do you love Vaughan Williams?"
Random thoughts on national character in music presented by one of LRMS' Vice-Presidents – a doyen of the Society.

The Goldsmith Lecture

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Yvonne Bloor will give a:

### Guitar Lecture and Recital

This will be a wonderful chance to hear a talk on Britten's landmark work *Nocturnal after John Dowland* Op. 70, one of the most influential works for C20th guitar. It will conclude with a performance of the work.

10th May 2016

Christopher Fifield will speak on:



Max Bruch – child prodigy? [1838 - 1920]

starting with 14-year-old Bruch's recently discovered prize-winning String Quartet which earned him money to pay for his musical studies & it will also trace his early days focusing on chamber music.

14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The season concludes with the:



LRMS Committee's Own Choice

in a convivial atmosphere and with refreshments the Committee will play their specially chosen pieces of music. This is great way to conclude the season and will be preceded by a brief **AGM**.

Music from US to YOU...

#### **Society Officers**

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# Leicester Recorded Music Society



Our entertaining and informative illustrated lectures are held on the second Tuesday of each month from October [although note the change in April] through to June when a series of musical extracts from recordings that have taken the fancy of the society's officers will be played following a short Annual General Meeting. Membership is open to anyone interested in learning more about music.

Notable speakers in the past have included the composers **John Rutter**, **Will Todd**, **George Lloyd** & **Geoffrey Bush**; former Director of the BBC



Proms, Robert Ponsonby; Lady Barbirolli, eminent oboist; Denis Matthews, noted pianist and Professor of Music; distinguished conductor Sir Norman del Mar and popular regular speakers such as Dr. Donald Hunt and Stephen Varcoe.

Our speakers this season feature notable clarinettist **Paul Harris** [pictured left], a world authority on Malcolm Arnold and author of the acclaimed biography *Malcolm Arnold: Rogue Genius*; **Barry** 

Sterndale-Bennett, the great, great grandson of William Sterndale Bennett will mark the approaching bicentenary of his distinguished forebear; Steve Plews is a Jazz and Classical supremo both in and out of the recording studio; Barry Collett, formerly Director of Music at Rutland College and recipient of the Elgar Medal, is a significant local musician; Darron Moore is also a local man whose singing and

conducting have taken him to many opera houses and he has raised the standards of workplace choirs; **Neil Roberts** is a knowledgeable and compelling vicepresident and doyen of the LRMS; **Yvonne Bloor** Is a renowned guitarist and composer and last, but not least is **Dr. Christopher Fifield** [pictured right], a conductor, classical music historian and musicologist who is widely recognised for his exploration of neglected compositions from the 19th century Romantic repertoire.



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