

Tuesday 8th October 2024

David Calow

The Tomkins Lecture

The Wind Band – a personal history

Music Director and Conductor of the Bardi Wind Orchestra David Calow looks into the development, instruments, repertoire and arrangements of the wind band from the Renaissance Town Band to the full Symphonic Wind Orchestra of the 20th century.



Tuesday 12th November 2024

Neil Crutchley

60 Years of Music in Leicester

First as a schoolboy, then an enthusiastic concert-goer and for almost three decades as Leicester Mercury Music Critic, Neil has been attending musical events in Leicester and Leicestershire for sixty years. His talk will feature some of the outstanding performances he has witnessed, along with memories of Musicians he has known.



Tuesday 10th December 2024

An Edwardian Christmas

A celebration of bygone Christmases

Leicester Music Society celebrates a latter-day Christmas with invited guest musicians and readers to perform in Christchurch, our home venue. There will be organ music, refreshments and audience participation too.



Tuesday 14th January 2025

Chris Ouvry-Johns

Organ Music – a lecture and recital

Dr Ouvry-Johns, Leicester Cathedral's Director of Music, makes a welcome return to our society in a lecture-recital to play recordings of great organ music before demonstrating his skill on Christchurch's own organ. The exact topic to be confirmed.



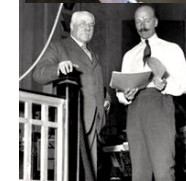
Tuesday 11th February 2025

Nigel Simeone

The Goldsmith Lecture

Elgar & Adrian Boult: a musical friendship

Sir Adrian Boult has a claim to be one the most versatile conductors ever. His grounding in the Austro-German classics, alongside his knowledge of British music gave him a range that few of his contemporaries could match. Nigel Simeone makes a welcome return to discuss this great conductor's relationship with possibly Britain's most famous composer.

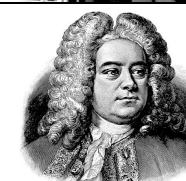


Tuesday 11th March 2025

David Fisher

Messiah – from the sublime to the ridiculous...

An overview & comparison of Messiah recordings from sublimely authentic to some amazing ones that aren't. You'll hear superb performances alongside others that will make you gasp in disbelief. This talk may make you rethink Handel's most famous oratorio.

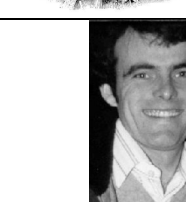


Tuesday 15th April 2025

Mick Lessiter

The Spooky in Opera

This season Michael will explore the use of the supernatural in all its myriad manifestations in opera through the centuries. From the ridiculous and comic, to the spooky and frightening. You have been warned!!



Tuesday 13th May 2025

John Florance

The Jenny Roberts Lecture

Music inspired by Shakespeare - from The Globe to Dire Straits

What did music sound like in Shakespeare's original plays and how did subsequent ages and composers find inspiration in those plays? Discover how Shakespeare became a source for opera librettos and for creators of musicals too. Come and hear wonderful & varied music all related to our national poet.



Tuesday 10th June 2025

AGM & Quiz

AGM and annual musical quiz

Do come to our fun-packed music quiz, which is preceded by a brief AGM, and bring along friends and family to be in your team. There is no charge for guests and there are refreshments for all. Our popular and varied quiz is a great way to end the season.

