

Friends of Newport Cathedral Choir

The new Committee is now in place and the members are: Archdeacon and Precentor Jonathan Williams (Chair), Dr Emma Gibbins (Director of Music), Liz Maher (Treasurer), John Granger (Secretary), Jeremy Blasby, Steve Harries, Angela Johns, Elspeth dale, Ali Williams, Martin Healey, James Lawrence, Stephen Jones, Liza Petter and Louisa Joloza.

Dates and events that may be of interest include the FNCC Annual Lecture on Friday 15th May in the Cathedral Hall following Choral Evensong. This year we are fortunate to have another distinguished musician as our speaker; Professor Edward Higginbottom has recently retired as Director of Music at New College, Oxford, after a lifetime spent working with choirs and musicians and he is now Emeritus Fellow at New College. He brought to the work of New College Choir an extensive knowledge of choral repertory and performance styles. Under his direction, the Choir achieved international recognition and brought choral music of high quality to an increasingly wide-ranging public through more than 70 recordings and many concerts in this country and abroad. His topic for the Lecture is, "What on earth does music mean?" and this an evening not to be missed.

On Saturday 13th June, FNCC is holding a fun, fund-raising Quiz Evening and full details will be available soon.

The FNCC Annual Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Langstone, on Friday 16th October following Choral Evensong. This will follow the usual format with the carvery meal being followed by entertainment provided by the gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir.

Please look out for final details of these events and keep the dates in mind!!

If anyone wishes to become a Friend of the Cathedral Choir then please contact John Granger on 01633 769684 or via email secretaryfncc@gmail.com