

# NewSPAL

The performing arts library in Surrey

## Monthly Update

Hello and welcome to our May newsletter.

We know that many of you will be looking forward to live rehearsals again starting next week. If you've borrowed something from Surrey libraries to rehearse or perform, do let us know. We'd love to know how groups are returning to live music and drama.

### Can you help with cataloguing the collection?

Our cataloguing volunteers are powering through the stock held at Ewell Library, but we are always on the look out for more people to help.

You would need to be able to get to Ewell library and help for either a morning or an afternoon shift, which are currently 3 hours each. You'll be working with a small team (currently no more than four people per shift), and we will provide the one-to-one coaching and ongoing supervision that you need to feel confident with the process and systems. Your enthusiasm is the most important skill you need - familiarity with vocal or orchestral sets, or with plays, will be useful and we can deploy you where you feel most comfortable. Ability to fill in online forms might help too, but no great IT skills are required!

If you feel that you could help please email Kate at [admin@newspal.org.uk](mailto:admin@newspal.org.uk).



2 Volunteers on shift at Ewell Library - April 2021

### Composer/Playwright of the Month

All being well, [Leith Hill Place](#) will re-open to visitors later this month. It was the childhood home of Ralph Vaughan Williams, who will be featured in a few of our newsletters over the next few months in the run up to the 150th anniversary of his birth next year.

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This month, NewSPAL trustee Carol Hall - who also bakes at Leith Hill Place - writes of his connection to the house, and gives an outline of his life. Normally, we make reference to works by our Composer of the Month in the Surrey collection - this month they are genuinely too numerous to mention! To read the article please [click here](#).

## Power up your shopping!

The shops are open again, but many of us may still be shy of joining the crowds, or just more accustomed to shopping online. If that sounds like you, please consider supporting us by shopping with The Giving Machine.



When you shop, at your favourite retailers like John Lewis, Boots, TK Maxx, and others, you generate a free cash donation for us. To start fundraising free donations go to [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/new-surrey-performing-arts-library](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/new-surrey-performing-arts-library) or click on the logo about and join - it's that easy.

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