

NewSPAL

New Surrey Performing Arts Library

Summer 2023



Up and running! Our stylish and welcoming front desk

Where are we now?

New Surrey Performing Arts Library started operations on 22 August 2022. We got off to a good start with all prior reservations of stock made with Surrey Libraries being seamlessly handled by NewSPAL and all the systems working well. Inevitably, with a completely new IT system there has been the odd glitch during the first year of operations but, thanks to the goodwill and patience of our loyal patrons, these have been resolved without any significant inconvenience to users.

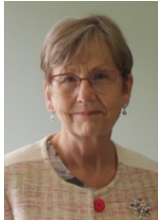
Every month has seen an increase in registered users (both groups and individuals), including, as we hoped, an increasing number of groups from outside Surrey. We currently have 260 registered music groups and 58 drama groups but only 116 individual members. For NewSPAL to be financially sustainable in the long term, it needs to substantially increase the income from the hire of sets (choral,

orchestral and plays) and, to keep charges down, that can only come from more groups from around the country registering and borrowing from NewSPAL.

Our operating costs - mainly librarians' salaries, property costs (we pay to Surrey a proportionate share of the property-related costs of Ewell Library for the space we occupy) and IT costs - are largely fixed and predictable (although only likely to increase with inflation) while our income fluctuates widely from month to month, tracking the borrowing pattern of the choirs, orchestras and drama groups who rely on the collection. Our income is not (yet) covering our operating costs so the key in the coming year is to continue to increase usage so that, by the end of the two-year trial period agreed to by Surrey County Council, we can demonstrate that NewSPAL is financially secure.

Of course, we have always benefitted from the generosity of our supporters with donations and (in one case a substantial legacy) and if you think you can help NewSPAL financially, there are links from the NewSPAL website (www.newspal.org.uk) to enable you to do so.

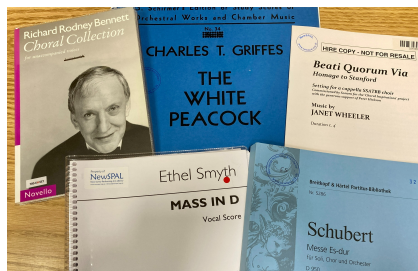
New Trustee - Su Kingsley



In the last newsletter we invited interest from people who might like to become a trustee of NewSPAL. Step forward existing volunteer **Su Kingsley** who joined the trustee board in March.

Su has had a varied career, much (but not all) being concerned with health and the delivery of health services including as a Director of the SE London Health Commission, responsible for planning and commissioning health services across the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, and later as a non-executive Director of the North Middlesex Hospital in Enfield. Since retiring she has devoted much more time to music-related activities - she is a keen violin player. She has a special interest in chamber music but also plays with two orchestras. As a NewSPAL trustee Su is taking a particular interest in how best to promote our large chamber music collection and expand our orchestral and choral collection. One of her first jobs is to plough through a large donation of orchestral sets from a London orchestra to decide which sets would be useful new additions to the NewSPAL collection.

New acquisitions for the library



NewSPAL has benefited from some really valuable donations of stock recently

Music New Orchestral Titles

Composer	Title	Contents	Edition
Haydn, Franz Joseph	Mass in B flat Theresa Hob.XXII:12	Orchestra score and set of parts	Barenreiter Urtext ed Thomas
Smyth, Dame Ethel	Serenade in D Major	Orchestra score and set of parts	Odaline de la Martinez
Griffes, Charles T	The white Peacock	Orchestra score and set of parts	G Schirmer
Respighi, Ottorino	Pini de Roma (Pines of Rome)	Orchestra score and set of parts	Ricordi
Vaughan Williams, Ralph	Pastoral Symphony (no 3)	Orchestra score and set of parts	F & B Goodwin edition
Ravel, Maurice	Concerto pour la main gauche	Orchestra score and set of parts	Durand
Tchaikovsky, Peter Ilyich	Manfred Symphony op. 58	Orchestra score and set of parts	Jurgensen
Beach, Amy	Symphony in E minor (Gaelic)	Orchestra score and set of parts	Schmidt 1897
Chaminade, Cécile	Callirhoe suite d'orchestre op. 37	Orchestra score and set of parts	Enoch, Freres & Constellat

New Choral Titles

Composer	Title	Contents	Edition
Smyth, Dame Ethel	Mass in D	Vocal score	Novello
Wheeler, Janet	Beati Quorum Via	Part song	Music Maze
Bennett, Richard Rodney	Choral Collection	Vocal score	Novello
Copland, Aaron	Old American songs	Vocal score	Boosey and Hawkes

Drama



The drama sets have benefitted from a donation from Martin Phillips, which has increased the number of copies in the sets for over 50 titles, and introduced several new ones including:

Author	Title	No of copies
Chappell, Eric	Tiptoe through the tombstones	6
Clemens, Brian	Will you still love me in the morning	6
Cole, Giles	Suspects	5
Home, William Douglas	The reluctant debutante (Samuel French Edition)	7

As anyone who has visited the library will know, we are (sadly) constrained by limited shelf space. We greatly value offers of donated stock but sometimes, either because items duplicate stock we already have or because the donated items are not in a robust enough condition to be hired out to others, we have to decline.

Anyone thinking of donating stock to the library should in the first instance contact the Library Manager (Neil Collins) to discuss.

Marketing and business development - help still needed

We are still looking for someone to help promote NewSPAL nationally and locally. Ideally, we would like to secure a few hours per week of volunteer time from someone who has practical experience of marketing and promotion, including through the effective use of social

media. Are you such a person, or do you know someone else with that sort of experience, who might be able to help? If so, please contact Neil Collins (Library Manager) - contact details below.

A reminder

The library is closed to visitors during August to allow for stock checking and preparing sets for collection/despatch for the Autumn. During this time it will still be possible, by prior arrangement with the Library Manager, to return items and collect pre-ordered items and the Library Manager and his Deputy Manager will still be responding (where possible) to phone messages and emails. Their contact details are:

Telephone: 020 3621 8272
Email: library@newspal.org.uk

Local society updates and information

Events

[The Occam Singers](#) [Bach for the Holidays](#)

Come and take part in a workshop under the guidance of Music Director Nicholas O'Neill.

Sunday 13th August at 2.00 pm

East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley KT24 6QT

Tickets £15 (under 21s free of charge) from

www.Occamsingers.co.uk/Aug23

[Vivace Chorus](#) [Victorian Parlour](#)

Part songs and piano duets, recitations and rhymes, solos and popular choruses. Conductor Jeremy Backhouse

Saturday 11th November at 7.30 pm

St Catherine's School Anniversary Halls, Bramley

Tickets £23, Students and under 18s £10; Book online at

www.vivacechorus.org

Groups

[Sutton Music Festival - November 2023](#)

The Festival Organisers are appealing for help in the administration of their 90th anniversary of the festival, in particular in the areas of stewarding, catering and IT assistance.

To offer help or learn more contact the Festival Organiser, Jo Periam, on organiser.SMF@gmail.com

[The Leatherhead Orchestra](#)

The orchestra always welcomes learners, returners and enthusiastic amateurs. They meet on Wednesday evenings at the Leatherhead Institute.

Find them at www.leatherheadorchestra.co.uk, and contact via the web page for more information.

[Musical Memories](#)

For people with dementia, their partners, friends or carers.

Every Thursday from 1.00 - 3.00 pm. £2.50 per person.

For details Contact: Age Concern Banstead on 017 3735 2156
or leader Barbara on 07775 741994

[Musical Friends](#)

Come and sing well known and popular songs - a group for all those wishing to sing, make friends and enhance their mental health. The bereaved, those with dementia and their carers are also very

welcome. No singing experience required.

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10.30 am -12.00, £4 including refreshments.

The Dorking Christian Centre (Main Hall)

[Have your say](#)

We always welcome input from you, our users and supporters. If you have anything you would like to put to the next edition (space permitting of course!) – reports, reviews, suggestions, requests, stories, do let us have them.!

[Where to donate?](#)

If you would like to make a monthly or one-off donation to help secure the future of the collection, please visit CAF Donate on this link.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10211#!/DonationDetails>



New Surrey Performing Arts Library

Registered Charity (England & Wales) No 1176729 HMRC Gift Aid Registration:
EW91669

Registered and Postal Address: Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, KT17 1UF,
Surrey

Trustees: Mark Welling (Chair) Paul McKay (Secretary) Kate McWhirter
(Treasurer),

Carol Hall, Su Kingsley, Sharon Molony, Ges Ray, Anna Wright

This email was sent to {{contact.EMAIL}}
You've received it because you've subscribed to our newsletter.

[Unsubscribe](#)

