

WESTON MUSIC SOCIETY



Jane Austen's Musical England

Songs and instrumental music from Jane Austen's own collection. with extracts from her letters and novels, performed by *Concert Royal* on

Saturday 27th September 2014 at 7.30 pm
in Weston Parish Church SG4 7DJ

Tickets (£12.00, under 19s free!)

from Weston Stores, David's Music,
ring 01462 790573 or email felicitylowe@yahoo.co.uk

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Concert Royal

Margarette Ashton, *soprano*

Peter Harrison, *director/flute*

Rachel Gray, *violoncello*

John Treherne, *harpsichord*

Founded in 1974 by flautist Peter Harrison and harpsichordist John Treherne, *Concert Royal* celebrates forty years of early music making in 2014. Playing period instruments and performing in historically-informed style, Peter, John, soprano Margarette Ashton and 'cellist Rachel Gray recreate the elegant sound worlds of the baroque and classical eras.

Concert Royal presents unique performances of music from the eighteenth century drawing room in an entertaining and informative way. The ensemble has given hundreds of recitals in every corner of the UK, performing extensively for The National Trust, in festivals and for music and arts societies, in churches, schools and arts centres. *Concert Royal* has toured in Europe, the USA and for the British Council in South America.

Jane Austen was a keen amateur musician with a large collection of music. Our programme includes songs and instrumental music drawn from Jane's collection and from contemporary sources. Brief extracts from letters and novels provide a fascinating glimpse into Jane Austen's musical world - and that of her many musical heroes and heroines.

This is the first of Weston Music Society's three Autumn concerts. On **Saturday 18th October** we welcome the celebrated (not to say notorious) **Mandolinquents Trio**, and on **Saturday 22 November** we look forward to a return visit from the 'a capella' quintet **Apollo5**.

Keep in touch by visiting our website at westonmusicsociety.org.uk.
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