

FRMS Newsletter

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LYNDON JENKINS, 1938-2014

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 24th April of the FRMS President, Lyndon Jenkins. Lyndon accepted the presidency in 2009 in succession to Edward Greenfield and it soon became clear that he was not content to be a mere figurehead. He sat in on many meetings of the committee, making valuable suggestions, and was a very great help in planning the Daventry Weekends.

Inevitably his passing – and that of our Chairman, Colin Dancer, less than six months earlier – cast a shadow over this year's Daventry Weekend in which he had been due to take part. But with some rearrangement of the programme the event went ahead and was regarded as a tribute to Lyndon and to Colin, both of whom had played a part in its organisation and who would, we are sure, have felt that "the show must go on."

Lyndon was Music Adviser at Symphony Hall, Birmingham and an obituary tribute from Symphony Hall appears on the FRMS website. A fuller tribute will be published in the FRMS *Bulletin*, but here we would like to record a few of the spontaneous tributes from people who knew him.

I knew him for over 50 years – such a lovely, delightful, witty and ever so knowledgeable person who was so modest also.

– Malcolm Walker, former editor of *Gramophone*

I am very sad to hear that Lyndon has passed away. He was an incredibly kind friend and mentor to me over the last few years.

– Tamsin Waley-Cohen, violinist

Our finest supporter. We received a phone call from him recently; he was so looking forward to Daventry. He will be sorely missed.

– John Davies, FRMS Vice-President

To say he will be missed is a huge understatement.

– Geoff Trinick, Cardiff RMS

SUCCESSFUL MUSIC WEEKEND

Despite the shadow cast over it by the loss of both our President and our Chairman, the annual Music Weekend took place at the Daventry Court Hotel from 9th to 11th May and was generally agreed to have been a success. Most of the contributors had known Lyndon Jenkins personally and their contributions were dedicated to his memory. Colin Dancer was remembered, too, in tributes paid by Geoff Trinick and Rowland Edwards from Cardiff RMS. A full report on the event will be published in the Autumn issue of the *Bulletin*.

DAVENTRY 2015

Although most participants at the 2014 Weekend were happy with the later date, there were problems in organising the audio equipment, which could recur on those dates in future years. The FRMS Committee has therefore decided that it would be better to revert to a weekend in April and so the 2015 Music Weekend will be at Daventry once again, from 24th to 26th April.

FRMS TREASURER

Eagle-eyed readers of the Spring issue of the *Bulletin* will have spotted on the back page the name of Paul Corfield Godfrey as Assistant Treasurer. As many readers will know, Graham Kiteley is stepping down from the Treasurership at this year's AGM and the Committee recently co-opted Paul to work with Graham with a view to his taking over as Treasurer if elected at the 2014 AGM.

AGM 2014 – SOUTHPORT

We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual General Meeting, on 8th November, is to be hosted by Southport Gramophone Society. The Society is organising a full weekend of supporting events – more details soon. The meeting is at the Royal Clifton Hotel which is offering attractive package deals for anyone staying for one or more nights.

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