

13 Vicarage Gate, Guildford, Surrey.

23 August 1995

Dear Choir Member,

I hope that you are all having a good summer and are able to enjoy the hot weather.

When I was writing to you this time last year following a successful year, and looking forward to the 50th Anniversary Season of the Guildford Philharmonic, little did I know what was in store for us! We had our successes and we had our troubles but we finished the year on a high spot with the concert in Shalford Meadows. Jeremy has asked me to congratulate everyone on our performance at that concert.

We are now in a strong position, in all respects, to look forward with confidence to the coming season. We have an exciting programme which includes a recording of the Stephen Watson and the visit of our friends from Freiburg - always very popular - and finishes with our long awaited Opera Pops concert! Now that our finances are in a healthy state, we are now in the position to contemplate an extravaganza of this magnitude.

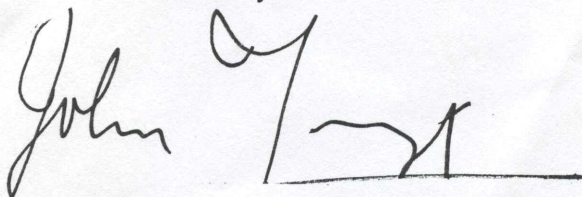
Whilst on the subject of finance, Chris Robinson, our Treasurer, asks me to remind those members who do not pay their subscription by standing order that their subscription of £55 is now due, and should be sent to him at: - **The Coach House, Station Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1EX.** Of course, he would be delighted if you would covenant your subscriptions, in which case you should see him at the first rehearsal.

Those members who pay by standing order with two instalments, it would be appreciated if you could alter this to **one** payment of £55 payable on 1st October each year. The reason for this request is that the two instalment method is proving to be a nightmare, as the banks seem unable to carry out these simple instructions.

This season is also the first with our new Principal Conductor, En Shao, although he is not conducting us this year. I do urge you to support the Philharmonic concerts during the season, and also to support Kathy Atkins in her last season as Manager of the Philharmonic Organisation - she is retiring next March.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our first rehearsal which is **MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Trigg', written over a horizontal line.

John Trigg - Chairman