



Finzi Friends

A day in Churchdown and Chosen Hill

**A recital and AGM on
Saturday 9 September 2023**

**Guests include Philip Lancaster, Katharine Towers,
Angus Meryon and Gavin Roberts**

We welcome a return to a much loved location at Churchdown near Gloucester together with the opportunity afterwards to ascend the hill at your leisure. Chosen Hill was a favourite location for Gerald Finzi and has many associations with Gloucestershire poets and composers such as Ivor Gurney and Herbert Howells.

In the morning, following the AGM, there will be a talk by our honoured guest Philip Lancaster, long associated with the *Finzi Friends*. He will be bringing with him poet Katharine Towers whose new book 'Let him bring a shrubbe' is a series of poems about Gerald Finzi, inspired by his philosophical credo 'Absolom's Place'. Following a discussion with Katharine, copies of her book will be available for purchase.

The afternoon performance will include both a song and clarinet recital interspersed with readings from Katharine's new book and the music of Finzi that inspired them. In addition there will be a performance of Ivor Gurney's and Herbert Howells' music.

You are invited to bring your own packed lunch but will have the welcome facilities of St Andrew's dining room. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided, however, both at lunchtime and after the recital.

Programme

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| From 10.00am | Coffee at St Andrew's Church Hall, Churchdown (GL3 2JT), |
| 10.30 | <i>Finzi Friends</i> AGM |
| 11.30 | Philip presents Poet Katharine Towers' new Finzi collection |
| 12.30pm | Lunch (your own packed lunches) – tea, coffee and cakes provided by <i>Finzi Friends</i> |
| 2.00 | Recital in St Andrew's Church – Philip Lancaster, baritone; Angus Meryon, clarinet; Gavin Roberts, piano: to include Howells, Gurney and Finzi. Recitals will be interspersed with Katharine's poetry. |
| 3.30 | Farewell afternoon tea and cakes |

More information and booking details overleaf.

Finzi Friends Musical Event at Chosen Hill

Notes:

- Everyone is welcome to come! Please extend an invitation to friends who are not members of *Finzi Friends*.
- Tickets are £20 including tea, coffee and cakes.
- Please see reservation and payment details below
- Guests are welcome to pay on the door but we would welcome an indication of your intentions if possible please, to help gauge attendance figures.
- You are invited to bring your own packed lunch to eat in congenial company and well-appointed surroundings
- St Bartholomew's at the top of Chosen Hill may be visited after the event.
- There is a small car park at the top.
- If it is a nice day you can walk up to the top, it is a manageable walk.



Philip Lancaster

Katharine Towers

Angus Meryon

Gavin Roberts

Philip is a composer and writer, Katharine is a British Poet and Angus, who graduated from the RCM, is currently Director of Music at Putney High School.

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Please reserve me places @ £20 each for 9 September 2023

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OR please email me the *Finzi Friends* BACS details

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