

1. The Society's programme for the 2022-2023 season is as wide-ranging as ever and attempts to be both informative and entertaining. It combines a broad spectrum of music with vastly differing subjects for illustrated talks, ever mindful of the high standards sought by the Society.
2. Having regard to our charitable status, it is our policy to keep the price of the season ticket as low as possible. Our success in doing so rests, in no little way, on getting local businesses, societies and individuals to support, by way of sponsorship, each of our presentations. The Society acknowledges with gratitude the assistance and interest given for the 2022-2023 season by those listed in the programme.
3. The capacity of the theatre determines the size of the Society's membership. Should you wish to apply for membership, please contact Mr David Needham on 01255 429287 to place your name, address and telephone number on our waiting list, in order that we may contact you as soon as a vacancy arises. Should you not be a member and there is a presentation which particularly attracts you, the price of admission is then £10.00.



2022/2023

**CLACTON &
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3rd OCTOBER TO 6th MARCH**

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3rd OCTOBER 2022 – 6th MARCH 2023

October 3rd – We start our season in great style with, **'THE BRITISH ARMY BAND COLCHESTER'**. The band was formed as a result of Military Music Optimisation in September 2019. Incorporating The Bands of the Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps and The Queens Division Colchester Essex.
THE SQN. LDR. HARTLEY EVENING.

October 10th – Presenting **DAME STELLA RIMINGTON, Ex Director General of MI5**, with her talk **'OPEN SECRET'**. Dame Stella worked in counter-subversion, counter-espionage and counter-terrorism and was the only person to become Director of all three branches. She was appointed Director General of MI5 in 1992 and retired in 1996.
Sponsored by THOMPSON, SMITH & PUXON (Solicitors) Clacton-on-Sea.

October 17th – This evening **TOM HEAP** presents **'CHILL-THE HEROES HACKING CLIMATE CHANGE.'** Best recognised as a Countryfile and Costing the Earth presenter, Tom also spent time as the former Rural Affairs Correspondent of BBC NEWS.

October 24th – Presenting **CLASSICO LATINO**. Blending the passion and vitality of Latin music with the sound and virtuosity of the classical tradition, Classico Latino brings a fresh perspective on the world of Latin-American music.
Sponsored by MICHAEL and JULIE PAYNE.

October 31st – Tonight **DARYLL PLEASANTS** presents **'ANIMALS SAVING ANIMALS-CONSERVATION DOGS'**. With over 30 years dog training experience within the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and working in Africa as a combat tracker, Daryll founded the wildlife organization Animals Saving Animals, which provides specialist Anti-Poaching / tracker dogs. .

November 7th – This evening we present **'PUTTIN' ON THE BLITZ'**. The **BARBERSHOP QUARTET** are Britain's premier 1940's quartet all your vintage favourites in four-part harmony, solo and duo numbers using professional backing tracks recreating all the glorious sounds of the 1930s and 40s.
Sponsored by A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY.

November 14th – **'FOR VALOUR-THE STORY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS'** presented by **MARK SMITH** the Medals and Militaria expert seen on the Antiques Road Show. Mark will explore the instigation of the VC along with stories of those awarded the country's highest award for bravery.
Sponsored by A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY.

November 21st – We end the first half of the season with the number one selling operatic trio, **TENORS UNLIMITED** the **RAT PACK of OPERA**. Touring throughout the UK and the USA they offer a wide-ranging repertoire from 'Nessun Dorma' to Freddie Mercury's 'Barcelona' and many more popular classics.

Your Committee wish you a Very Happy Christmas

January 16th – The New Year starts with the **LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA** with their **'OPERA EXTRAVAGANZA'**. **Philip Blake-Jones** brings together singers from the major companies for a programme of outstanding opera with a period set and costumes for an added visual impact. A programme of Handel, Mozart, Rossini to name but a few.
Sponsored by LESLEY BARLOW, Clacton-On-Sea.

January 23rd – This evening **ELIZABETH SIMONS** presents **'A LOT MORE THAN JUST CROSSING THE POND'**. As part of the Clipper Round the World Race in 2010, Elizabeth found out it was a lot more than 'a challenge of a life time' as advertised, sailing across the North Pacific for 35 days in a force zero to a force 12.

January 30th – Presenting **'AN EVENING IN THE COMPANY OF MICHAEL PORTILLO'**. With a plethora of experiences in his life from politics to working on TV and Radio exploring social and industrial history, Michael will provide an informative insight into what makes Great Britain the country it is today.
Sponsored by PEAGRAMS (Estate Agents) Clacton-On-Sea

February 6th – This evening's presentation is **'A NIGHT WITH STEVE REID WILLIAMS'**. As a piano player, guitarist and singer, the diversity of Steve's musical output is wide and varied. Steve is currently the full time keyboard player for pop legend Leo Sayer, 80's icon Paul Young, and The Overtones.

February 13th – Local historian and current curator of the Harwich Museum, **DAVID WHITTLE**, presents **'FUN AT THE SEASIDE'; Rail ferries in Harwich – a glimpse of times gone by'**. Harwich although small has played a vital part in our UK history and David will share some of those stories.

February 20th – Presenting international award-winning classical harpist **OLIVER WASS**. Oliver holds a first-class master's degree from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and in 2006 he became the first harpist to win the Guildhall Gold Medal.

February 27th – Tonight's penultimate presentation is **'THE NEW HISTORY OF HENRY VIII'S QUEENS'** by historian, author, broadcaster, and award winning emerita of history at the University of Roehampton **PROFESSOR SUZANNAH LIPSCOMB**. Suzannah has presented series on the BBC, ITV and Channel 5.
Sponsored by SUE & EAMONN GRAY

March 6th – To the delight of many, our season ends with the return of the band **THE ZOOTS**. In 2009 Jamie Goddard formed the group which now has a repertoire of over 250 legendary hit numbers to entertain us from the past 6 decades. Tonight, it will be the turn of the 70's.
Sponsored by JANET DEWING a member of the Society.

APRIL 24th – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Entertainment: NEIL HURST. With a career that has taken him from West Yorkshire to the West End playing every major theatre in the country as well as TV and cinema, this summer will see Neil appear in 'The Railway Children Return' with Jenny Agutter, Sheridan Smith and John Bradley.

THE PROGRAMME, AS ALWAYS, IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY'S CONTROL.