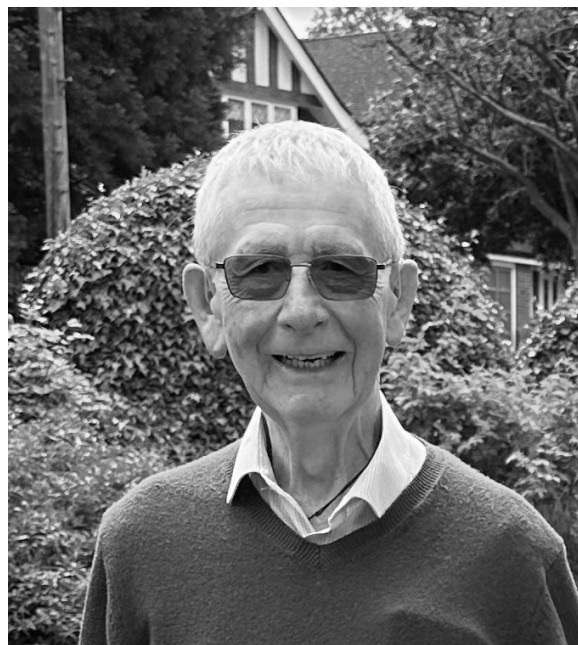




**This concert is dedicated to our dear friend and
long standing De Merc Chamber Choir member,
Graham Savage.**

Upcoming concerts

Saturday 22nd November 2025 - St John's ARC, Old Harlow

De Merc Chamber Choir is a registered charity (no. 1095387) and is also affiliated to Making Music, which represents and supports amateur vocal and instrumental music groups throughout the U.K.

To learn more about the choir, please go to
www.demerc.org.uk.



De Merc Chamber Choir

Musical Director - Simon Pettite

Songs of Spring and Summer

Owls, fowls, flowers and showers – and some nonsense!

**Conductor
Simon Pettite**

**Saturday 14th June 2025
St Peter's Church, Roydon**



Programme

Salvator Mundi - Thomas Tallis (1505 - 1585)
Salut Dame - César Geoffray (1902 - 1972)

Draw on Sweet Night - John Wilbye (1574 - 1638)
The Silver Swan - Orlando Gibbons (1583 - 1625)

Printemps - Paul Hindemith (1895 - 1963)

Three Movements from Songs of Springtime - Ernest John Moeran (1894 - 1950)
Spring, the sweet Spring
Love is a sickness
Good Wine

Interval

Tribute to Graham

Music When Soft Voices Die - Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848 - 1918)
The Long Day Closes - Arthur Sullivan (1842 - 1900)

Two Choruses - Fanny Hensel (1805 - 1847)
Abend
Abschied

As Torrents in Summer - Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Nonsense Songs - Mátyás Seiber (1905 - 1960)
There was an Old Lady of France
There was an old man in a Tree

Over the Rainbow - Arlen/Harburg arr Simon Pettite

After the concert please join us for refreshments

De Merc Chamber Choir is a compact, versatile mixed voice adult choir specialising in a cappella repertoire ranging from the 16th century through to contemporary works. Based in Harlow, the choir was founded in 1973 so we recently celebrated our 50th anniversary!

At around twenty our size gives listeners the opportunity of enjoying the intricacy and intimacy of unaccompanied singing that is the essence of smaller ensembles.

We have sung in many venues around Herts, Essex and surrounding areas and we are available for hire to sing at weddings, funerals and parties.

Most recently, De Merc Chamber Choir was recognised by Harlow Council as being one of its "Gems of Harlow" for performing arts.

Simon Pettite is an internationally recognised Chorus Director and Choir Trainer. He studied at the Cambridge University and the Royal College of Music. Professional engagements include the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (as a regular freelance member of the Music Staff) and as Guest Conductor, Choral Director and Assistant to Iceland, Antwerp, Germany as well as regular collaborations at Opera North. Simon Pettite has built a long-standing career in Germany as the Assistant Opera Chorus Director at Frankfurt Opera and Opera Conductor and Chorus Director at the Municipal Theatre at Freiburg im Breisgau.

Simon Pettite has, since 2010, re-established links with the music scene in and around London. In 2011 he took over the musical directorship of the College Choir at Morley College, London. Concurrently, he has been regularly invited as a Guest Conductor to prepare and conduct the opera-scenes evenings at the Royal College of Music as well as choral concerts celebrating the inauguration of the new Organ in the Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall. Previous to his appointment to De Merc Chamber Choir he has been Musical Director of the Chamber Choir at Southampton University.

De Merc Chamber Choir Singers

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Kate Daynes	Jane Fox	John Philip	John Bilton
Gill Jones	Imelda Laybourn	Julian Roques	Colin Bromage
Kate Lambert	Margaret O'Dwyer	John Warren	Simon Dinwiddy
Ros Philip	Helen Reynolds	Robin Woollams	Peter Kincey
	Gaynor Tregidgo		

