

# THE RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS SOCIETY



## Introduction

Vaughan Williams is, perhaps, the greatest composer Britain has seen since Handel and Purcell. Born in 1872 and educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, he became a pupil of both Stanford and Parry at the Royal College of Music. For a brief period he also studied with Ravel in Paris. His style was strongly influenced by English folk songs, which he began collecting in 1903, and by his experience as Musical Director of the *English Hymnal* from 1904-1906. In his long and productive life he excelled in most musical forms, producing nine symphonies, five operas, choral music, ballet, several song cycles, church music and works for chorus and orchestra. He died in August 1958.

## **Objects and Activities**

The object of the Society is to advance education for the benefit of the public through the promotion of the life and work of Ralph Vaughan Williams, in particular by:

- (a) widening the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of his music;
- (b) encouraging the performance and recording of his music, including his lesser known works;
- (c) promoting understanding of his music through a deeper understanding of his life, including its social, economic and cultural context.

The Society organises meetings and concerts on an occasional basis. Its recording subsidiary, Albion Records, makes and publishes recordings. The Society has been instrumental in promoting a number of recordings of RVW's works. The Society's work is promoted by means of the RVW Journal, published three times a year and free to members.

The Society was first registered as a charity in 1994, but was reincorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2014, with UK charity number 1156614.

## **Membership Application and Gift Aid declaration**

I apply for membership of The Ralph Vaughan Williams Society:

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Date: .....

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Full Rate	£25	£28	£33
Concessions	£15	£18	£23

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