



# *The Gilbert & Sullivan Society*

## PROGRAMME for the CONVENTION 2022

Friday evening May 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday lunch May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Alma Lodge Hotel, Stockport, near Manchester**

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

7.00 for 7.30 pm **Celebration Dinner** (4 course). Dress; dinner jacket or lounge suit.  
This will mark **Manchester Society's 90th Anniversary as well as being the opening of the Convention.**  
**Matthew Siveter (baritone)** will delight us afterwards with a short concert accompanied at the piano by **Martin Yates.**  
**The cash bar in the Regis Suite will be open until midnight.**

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 - 10.00 am Assemble.  
10.00 am Welcome.  
10.15 am **'The Mikado : the Victorian Masterpiece of British opera'**  
**Martin Yates**, chairman of the Sir Arthur Sullivan Society, **places Sullivan in his proper place** in the musical line from Purcell to Britten.  
11.15 am **Coffee.**  
11.45 am **'A Great Savoyard'**: presentation on the life and work of **Darrell Fancourt** by his **great niece Deborah Lea.**  
12.45 pm **Light Buffet Lunch. Cash bar open beforehand.**

### **Afternoon:**

2.30 pm **Matthew Siveter** will be interviewed about his musical and professional journey.  
Questions welcomed at the end.  
3.15 to 3.45 pm Interval tea or coffee.  
3.45 to 4.45 approx. **Paul Taylor of Manchester Society** will give a talk on the events leading up to **the first production of Iolanthe.**  
4.45 to 6.30 **Free time.**  
6.30 pm **Evening meal.**  
8.00 pm **Celebrity Concert** by **Leon Berger, Sylvia Clark, Eleanor Jane Moran and Russell Painter** accompanied by **Tim Smith.**  
10.00 pm **Tea, coffee and biscuits and a cash bar will be open until midnight.**

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00 am **An Act of Worship** featuring **Sullivan's two Te Deums** led by **Arthur Barrett and John Balls** of **Norwich G&S Society.**  
10.50 am approx. **Coffee.**  
11.30 am **'In Duet'**: **Juliet Montgomery and Aidan Edwards** will entertain in song accompanied by **David Mackie.**  
Formal close of convention  
1.00 pm **Sunday Lunch** (3 course). Disperse ("most reluctantly").