ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT ARTS FESTIVAL Affiliated to the British & International Federation of Festivals

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Report for Area Board Meeting at Cricklade 6.30pm Wednesday 26th November 2014

2015 is the Festival's 10th Anniversary Year. As a finale to the year, we are bringing together local singers and musicians to perform "A Requiem for Soldiers" in November 2015. Frank Harvey of Purton, the composer, taught music in a local secondary school and is heavily involved still in local music. It will be a world premier for him and for us! We have asked Fiona Fleet, another local music teacher and MD of RWB Choral Society, to be the MD for the final rehearsals and performance.

Important dates:

Fri 30th Jan 2015 - RWBAF AGM. Fri 27th Feb 2015 - Launch of 2015 Syllabus.

7.00pm Saturday 18^{th} April 2015 – a fund-raising concert by Wessex Male Choir with guests including Swindon Young Musicians Choir at RWB Academy.

Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st June 2015 - the Singing & Instrumental Festival at St.Bartholomew's Church and at the Memorial Hall including the local Rotary Young Musicians competition. Adjudicator: Sheila Kent.

Saturday 27th /Sunday 28th June 2015 - the new specialist Piano Festival at RWBAcademy. Adjudicator: Eva Maria Doroskowska.

Saturday 14th /Sunday 15th November 2015 - Speech & Drama and Classical Guitar Festival at the RWBAcademy. The Highlights Concert will be from 6.30pm Sunday 15th November 2015 with the "Requiem for Soldiers" as the second half of the programme.

John Davies Chairman RWBAF 26th October 2014