

# Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

## Visit to Glyndebourne. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2003

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**Glyndebourne** (<http://www.glyndebourne.co.uk/>) was founded in 1934 by John & Audrey Christie. The objective was to perform opera 'as well as it can be done'. The project was backed by resources of training and education for the performers and staff well beyond what was considered to be adequate for other opera companies. Glyndebourne grew to be hugely successful setting exceptionally high standards of production and performance.

In 1994 a new theatre was opened, built to time and to budget! It was a building which gained many awards for design, construction and innovation. The acoustics are considered to be near perfect, and the technical facilities unsurpassed. It is one of the **GREAT** opera houses in the world.

Glyndebourne is not just an opera house. It is an educational organisation for young musicians and for opera singers at all stages of their professional lives, especially for those in the early stages of the profession. The Glyndebourne year includes a summer festival from May to August (entirely self supporting financially), a touring season from October to December and many educational activities.

REMS has waited several years for a place in the queue to visit. The visit will include the theatre and support facilities (Costumes, Wigs, Props, rehearsal stages, etc). What we see will depend on what activities are going on at the time. The tour will include Tea/Coffee etc.

Numbers are limited to 25 and the cost will be £7.

The tour will start at 14.00 and last about 2 hours and members should aim to arrive not later than 13.45 (**Note the date is a Tuesday**). Latecomers will be in danger of missing part or all of the tour.

The easiest way to get to Glyndebourne is by car and maps will be provided. Arrangements can be made for the Glyndebourne minibus to collect members who want to come by train from Lewes Station. Please be at Lewes by 13.30 (While the 12.17 from Victoria should arrive at 13.22, travelling by an earlier train is advisable and lunch can be readily had in Lewes). Car travellers should avoid Lewes and alternative lunch venue suggestions will be provided with the maps.