

1974

4th May – Coleridge-Taylor's 'Hiawatha's Wedding Feast' (+ Plantation Songs and 'Tales from the Vienna Woods')

Conductor – D. Parkyn Marshall

Soloist – Kenneth Ormston (tenor)

The programme notes bemoan the fact that support from Ryton Urban District Council (both financial and in providing floral arrangements for concerts) will no longer forthcoming as it had ceased to exist. Jack Edmondson hopes that "help will be continued by the new authorities". Well – we don't get flowers but from 2002 onwards Gateshead Council has provided a grant, which is gratefully received.

The local press described the concert as "excellent entertainment for a summer evening...Derrick Parkyn Marshall coaxed his singers into telling expression of the words (of Hiawatha's Wedding), cleverly manipulating the subtle cadences and nuances with which the work abounds"

14th December – Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio' (Parts 1, 2 &3) (+ carols)

At Holy Cross Church

Conductor – D. Parkyn Marshall

Soloists – Margaret Jones (soprano), Ann Lampard (alto), Colin Smith (tenor), Harvey Williams (bass)

Current member Jean Grave, who has sung solos and presented fund-raising concerts for the society as part of 'The 2 Js', is listed for the first time.