

Dear SMS members,

I hope you are enjoying your summer holidays.

The committee is pleased to announce that the new [SMS website](#) is now live. This is phase 1 of a major project to enable more of our operations to be conducted online, and replaces the one-page placeholder site. You will see that the member-related content is organised slightly differently from the previous site. Items that don't have to be kept private are now in the public areas, e.g. rehearsal schedules. To enter the members-only area, the login details are:

User name: SMSMember

Password: Handel1685

Please note the characters carefully, they are case sensitive and it is 'Handel' followed by his date of his birth!

On the final version of the website you will be able to select your own username and password.

At present only information about re-auditions and part reps is in the members-only private area. This will be developed as the project progresses. A very useful feature is the calendar, which contains all the rehearsal dates and venues, and which you can link to your own calendar if you use one on your device. No excuse for forgetting a rehearsal!

Our webmaster is Lorraine Blakey, who has had in-depth training from our website developer. Lorraine also manages our social media effort.

The IT subcommittee is now working on further website functions, principally online ticket sales, and enhanced member services. Our aim is to sell more concert tickets, while reducing effort for everyone. These are exciting times!

Finally, I would like to thank the IT sub-committee on your behalf. They have done a tremendous job and I hate to think how many hours work they have put in to it. We are very lucky indeed to have such dedicated members who are willing to give freely and generously of their time and talents.

With best wishes,

Jane