

**Watership Cantabile** are a small mixed-voice choir, based in Newbury, led by their Musical Director, Michael Howell. They have been singing for about 35 years, participating in concerts, tours and competitions at home and in Europe. In recent years, they have specialised in close-harmony, chamber music and are well known to local audiences. They are delighted to return again to the Thatcham Festival, to present their concert – “As I Was a-Walking”, a festival of folk songs.

We hope you enjoy the concert. Please join us for light refreshments afterwards.

The Choir are always interested in recruiting new members. If anyone is interested in singing and would like further information about the choir, they should visit their website at [www.watershipcantabile.co.uk](http://www.watershipcantabile.co.uk) or contact the Chairman, Chris Druce on 01635 820718.



# *“As I was a-walking”*

## *A Festival of Folk Songs*

with

*Watership Cantabile*

at

St Mary’s Church, Thatcham

Thursday, 12<sup>h</sup> October at 7.30pm



# Programme

*The Dark Eyed Sailor*.....*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Just As The Tide Was Flowing*..... *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*A Bunch of Thyme*.....*Arr. Michael Neaum*

*Down by the Sally Gardens*.....*Words by W B Yeats, Irish trad. Melody*

*Willow Song*.....*16<sup>th</sup> century melody and words*

*The Bold Grenadier*.....*English folk-song, arr. John Rutter*

*The Willow Tree*..... *English folk-song*

*Reading: An excerpt from HV Morton's "In Search of England"*

*Early One Morning*..... *English trad. Song, arr. Adriano Secco*

*Cockles and Mussels*..... *Irish trad. Song, arr. Adriano Secco*

*Skye Boat Song*.....*Old Highland Folk-song*

*Scarborough Fair*.....*Arr. Jeremy Rawson*

*Waltzing Matilda*.....*Australian song, Arr. Thomas Wood*

*I love My love*.....*Cornish Folk-song, Arr. Gustav Holst*

*Swansea Town*.....*Folk-song, Arr. Gustav Holst*

*Reading: "Blow Me Eyes" by Wallace Irwin*

*The Floral Dance*.....*Katie Moss, Arr David Holland*

*Furusato*.....*Teiichi Okano, Arr. Bob Chilcott*

*Bonny at Morn*.....*Trad. song, Arr. Percy Snowdon*

*Dance to your Daddy*..... *Trad. song, Arr. Percy Snowdon*

*Ashokan Farewell*.....*Jay Ungar, Arr. Carole Stephens*

*Three Hungarian Folk-songs*.....*Words A L Lloyd, Music Matyas Seiber*