

## Message from the Chairman

Following the success of the Competition in 2012, with your continued support we are now confidently forging ahead with our plans for 2014 and looking forward to 2016 and beyond.

That Tunbridge Wells is now seen as one of the major international events of its kind cannot be denied. Our recent winners Martyna Jatkuskaite (2006) and Sasha Grynyuk (2008) are both developing strong international careers, as is Alexander Ullman (2012). Mention must be made, also, of Savitri Grier (2010) who is continuing her studies at Oxford University, which she has taken by storm, before going on to a Conservatoire. Alexander will be returning to Kent twice in coming months, first to give a recital at the Sutton Valence Music Society on 22nd November this year, and then, on 16th May 2015 to play with the Tonbridge Philharmonic Orchestra.

There have been some recent changes in our Council of Management. John Pomeroy has stood down as Treasurer after more than a decade. We thank him most warmly for all he has done to husband our financial resources. Earlier in the year Dennis Smith resigned as Company Secretary after an even longer association with the Competition. Sadly, he died in June after a long illness. Joining us are Tom Guy, Treasurer, Mark Dennison, Company Secretary, Mary Anderson and Peter Brice. We welcome them and hope they will enjoy working with us.

I am pleased to say that the response to my appeal earlier this year exceeded our expectations. I am grateful to everyone who has agreed to support us in these difficult financial times. It is good to know that there are plenty of people in the area who care about TWIYCA and want it to succeed. We now need to build on this and make 2014 the best Competition yet.

*Chris Storr, Chairman*

### Death of Dennis Smith MBE

It is with great sadness we record the death of Dennis Smith who passed away peacefully at Burrswood on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Dennis was one of the founder members of TWIYCA and served for many years as Company Secretary and Trustee until shortly before his death, making an invaluable contribution. As a former Mayor and the only Honorary Alderman of the Borough he held a uniquely respected position in the town for his long commitment to community service and active support for numerous charities. He will be

be particularly remembered for his work with the head injury charity Headway. The 2014 Competition will be dedicated to Dennis's memory.

### 2012 Competition

With over 100 entrants from more than 20 countries around the world, the 2012 Competition showcased young musicians on sparkling form during the preliminary rounds at Kent College and at the Finals Concert. The judges had a difficult task, but the eventual winners were: Piano Section; Alexander Ullman: String Section; Mikhail Nemtsov, cello: Wind Section; Anton Moiseyenko, clarinet. The Overall Winner of the 2012 Competition was pianist Alexander Ullman.

### Count Down to 2014 !

The next Competition will take place from **16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014**. Preliminary rounds will be at Kent College, and the **Finals Concert** will take place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July** at the Tunbridge Wells Assembly Hall.

### Diary Dates

**Finals Concert** - 20 July 2014

### Fundraising Events

**Wine Tasting** 23 November 2013

**Piano Recital** 8 February 2014

**Spring Literary Lunch** 5 April 2014

**Recitals by 2010 & 2012 winners**

- dates to be confirmed

### Council of Management Who's Who

Chris Storr - Chairman

Mark Dennison – Secretary

Tom Guy – Treasurer

Mary Anderson

Peter Brice

Muriel Greenwood

Robbie Holmes

Michael Kent Davies

Margaret Morgan

Kate Sander

Helen Winning