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**Saturday 22 October 2022**

**Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, NMW Cathays Park, Cardiff  
at 10.30am**

**Ralph Vaughan Williams: Tallis, Larks & Visions**

**A talk by Geraint Lewis**

RVW was born 150 years ago on October 12th, 1872. On his father's side he was of Welsh descent: a family of distinguished lawyers from Carmarthen. His mother brought a mixture of Wedgwood and Darwin ancestry - great things could obviously have been expected from a child of such genes!

The collecting of folksongs in the field and a rediscovery of Tudor church music enabled RVW, by the outbreak of the Great War, to both synthesise and to forge a distinctive new musical voice thereby becoming the acknowledged leader of his generation of composers. On his return from France in 1918 he dominated the British musical landscape for four decades until his death in 1958. This talk will attempt to place his unique output within the context of a long life and to argue that RVW's humane and enriching voice is needed today more than ever.

Geraint Lewis was born in Cardiff and having been a Junior Scholar at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama went to read Music at St. John's College, Cambridge where he was a pupil of the legendary George Guest. He now teaches, lectures, writes and composes following a varied career in academia, recording and broadcasting. After over a decade directing the North Wales Music Festival between 1992-2004 he later became artistic director of the Lower Machen Festival.

**The cost is £10. Please pay on the day. This includes coffee and biscuits in the Oriel Suite after the talk.**

However, in order to assist in the ordering of the coffee/ biscuits, it would be most helpful if you could contact me if you intend coming to the talk:

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