



Report to Annual Parish Meeting, April 2025

Fressingfield Sounds, established in late 2023, is a new music society for the parish and the region beyond. Dedicated to bringing exceptional musical performances to local venues, the community interest company has already staged one concert, in September 2024, with its second scheduled for 31 May this year.

Inaugural Concert with The Marmen Quartet

On September 14, 2024, Fressingfield Sounds hosted its inaugural concert featuring the internationally acclaimed Marmen Quartet. The performance, held in the parish church in Fressingfield, featured renowned string quartets by Haydn, Ravel and Beethoven.

"As I'm less likely to get to the Wigmore Hall these days, it's wonderful that you are bringing the Wigmore Hall to us in Fressingfield." - Pat Douglas

Upcoming Performance by Pianist Clare Hammond

Looking ahead, Fressingfield Sounds has scheduled a performance by leading British pianist Clare Hammond on 31 May, 2025. The concert takes place at Chapel Hall Arts and features works by Debussy, Fauré, Ravel, and their contemporaries. Hammond's impressive credentials include a debut at the BBC Proms last year and a recording career that has earned critical acclaim, such as an Editor's Choice selection in *Gramophone* for her CD of Études by Hélène de Montgeroult.

Future plans: Community Engagement and Future Initiatives

Beyond organising performances, Fressingfield Sounds is committed to enriching the local community through various musical initiatives. A series of concerts for Autumn 2025 is currently in development and will shortly be announced. More details on www.fressingfieldsounds.org.uk