



**Dear All**

I would like you to cast your minds back to 2022 to St Paul's Church, Sketty and to the marvellous piano recital given by Alim Beisembayev, the 25 year old, Leeds International Piano Competition winner of 2021.

I have just heard that he recently stepped in to play Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 at a recent prom at the Royal Albert Hall when the star soloist, Benjamin Grosvenor, was indisposed. Alim received outstanding reviews for his performance.

Alim has just completed a high-level Artist Diploma at the Royal College of Music and is now a BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artist. He launches the Norwich Chamber Music season next month, but WE HEARD HIM FIRST AT THE GOWER FESTIVAL!

His prom concert, with John Wilson conducting the Sinfonia of London, will be broadcast on BBC4 (and on iplayer) on Friday 25th August at 7.00pm. Included in that programme is Walton's Symphony No.1. Coincidentally, this same piece will be performed at the Brangwyn Hall on Friday 8th March by the BBC NOW, under Martyn Brabbins, a Gower Festival Friend.

My thanks to John Sims for providing us with this information.

Best wishes to you all,

Anne