



The young Alan with his father, Henry ("Harry") Taylor

There are many messages of condolence from those who cannot be with us today.

To Alan's wife Patricia, and his daughters Susan and Jennifer we extend our deepest sympathy and join you in your sorrow. You are in all our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

"I've only ever played to please me.  
I've never played to please any conductor.  
I know what sort of noise I want to make.  
I know what sort of stick I want to use -  
if I change them at all."

A.T. 1999



## Alan Taylor MBE

29th January 1931 - 15th May 2002

Charing Crematorium  
Friday 24th May 2002



The Service is led by the Revd. Canon Brian Chalmers  
Area Dean of Ashford

## **WILLIAM WALTON : Two pieces from *Henry V***

performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Alan's last performance was with the Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Symphony Orchestra on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2002, when this music was played.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **HYMN**

Tune : Cwm Rhondda

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore;  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

## **PRAYERS**

### **A READING from the book of Ecclesiastes and A LETTER TO ALAN**

read by Nigel Bates  
one of the two Principal Percussionists of the  
Royal Opera House Orchestra

### **RICHARD WAGNER : Siegfried's Funeral March from *Götterdämmerung***

performed by the Royal Opera House Orchestra  
conducted by Bernard Haitink

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE COMMENDATION & THE COMMITTAL**

#### **ALL IS WELL**

by Canon Henry Scott Holland  
read by Sir John Tooley  
formerly General Administrator of the Royal Opera House

## **THE BLESSING**

### **RICHARD STRAUSS : *Der Rosenkavalier* - waltz**

performed by the Royal Opera and the Royal Opera House Orchestra  
conducted by Sir Georg Solti

### **IGOR STRAVINSKY : Dance of the Coachmen**

from *Petrouchka*  
performed by the London Symphony Orchestra  
conducted by Claudio Abbado

Alan's first job was with the LSO, and the last resting place of  
his pint mug was at The Coach & Horses in Covent Garden.