

GEOFF KEATING



The orchestra's conductor is Geoffrey Keating (M.A.(Oxon), A.R.C.M.).

He read music at Oxford and after 17 years as Director of Music at Millfield School, Somerset he took early retirement to concentrate on his various passions - music, photography, sailing and fishing.

Geoff has an immense wealth of knowledge about music and his rehearsals are a joy - in many ways a masterclass in orchestral music. He encourages the orchestra's players to listen to the music with fresh ears and to understand various subtleties which most players never imagined existed in the composers' minds. The Solway Sinfonia is extremely fortunate to have such an experienced and enthusiastic musician as director. With his help the orchestra is able to attract high quality players and to perform a varied and challenging repertoire. Geoff has invaluable contacts in the music world and he has attracted, as soloists, artists such as Andrew Taylor (cello), Murray McLachlan (piano) and Leland Chen (violin).



**Geoff, in his element, rehearsing
Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Leland Chen
Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries November 2004**