

NOVEMBER CONCERT OUTING.

“London Mozart Players” at the Fairfield Hall, Croydon.

With the onset of the cold and dark winter evenings, it was comforting on 4th November to find our coach, friendly driver and organiser ready and waiting at the pick-up point.

A programme comprising music by Schubert, Mozart and Beethoven could hardly fail to arouse the appetite of music lovers and the evening did not disappoint.

Schubert’s Symphony No.5 (not familiar to the writer) was clearly identifiable to the composer, with the London Mozart Players showing their usual polish.

Next came Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto with soloist Michael Collins who can have few equals with this instrument giving a masterful performance which was very enthusiastically received.

After the interval came Beethoven, who can shine in any company and his Symphony No. 6 (“The Pastoral”) was played with great zest and élan by the orchestra. The extra brass and percussion added to the excitement, as did the conductor’s great enthusiasm.

Our coach, waiting almost at the door, saw us comfortably home after an excellent evening’s entertainment.

Keith Murray.