

## Handley returns

GUILDFORD'S former director of music, Vernon Handley, has stepped into the breach for this weekend's concert by the philharmonic orchestra, following the sudden illness of principal conductor, Sir Charles Groves.

The Civic Concert sponsored by BOC takes the theme of Remembrance for its programme of music by Elgar and Finzi. The last-minute substitution of Vernon Handley to conduct the orchestra is an inspired act, as he is an acknowledged expert on Elgar, with many recordings to his credit.

The concert is on Saturday at 7.30 p.m. at the Civic Hall.

Orchestra manager Mrs. Kathy Atkins said Sir Charles had been told to rest for a few weeks.