

Musical Notes

Arnside Highlights

Arnside Highlights will be showing "The Iron Lady" (starring Meryl Streep and Jim Broadbent) on Saturday, 17th March (certificate 12A) at Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside. Tickets (£4.50) will be on sale at The Little Shop, Arnside Promenade from Monday, 16th January.

"A look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, with a focus on the price she paid for power."

Wordsworth Singers Concert

The Wordsworth Singers are delighted to return to the Victoria Hall on Sunday 5 February, 3.30pm, to give a concert of beautiful and evocative choral music from the nine countries bordering the Baltic Sea.

Many of these countries are rightly proud of their strong choral tradition which continues to thrive, judging by their numerous choral festivals and the quality output of their 20th and 21st century composers. Some of these, including Part and Gorecki, will feature in our concert programme, together with works by earlier composers, such as Buxtehude and Glinka.

The choir draws its members from all over Cumbria and beyond, preparing around five programmes a year on a project basis, with intensive rehearsals over the ten days preceding each concert. Since its foundation in 1997, they have developed an excellent reputation for creative programming and quality singing. With Director Mark Hindley, also Chorusmaster of Leeds Philharmonic Society and Guest Chorusmaster of RTE Philharmonic Choir, they invite you to join them for an afternoon of moving and uplifting choral music, full of the glow of Baltic amber!

Tickets can be reserved on the choir's website www.wordsworthsingers.org.uk, or purchased for £11 in person from the Tourist Information Centre at the Victoria Hall, or by phoning 01228 536146. Tickets on the door will cost £12 but are free to under-18s and full-time students.

Keep on Dancing

At the Victoria Hall, Grange. Dancing with The Wright Sound (Big G).

Dance tutor & DJ with over 30 years experience Ballroom, Sequence, Old Tyne, Rock & Roll, mainly for the over 30's. Charity Dance in aid of St Mary's Hospice, Saturday 18th February 7.30 - 11.00pm Doors open 7.00pm. Admission £6.00, for further details phone Gordon on 0797 626 557

Flookburgh Band

We would like to thank everyone for your support through 2011 and wish you all the best for 2012. Once again weather put off people attending our Carol Concert and thank those who attended for their support. On Christmas day there was a large crowd for Carols and Mulled Cider on Flookburgh square, £350.90 was collected for Help the Heroes.

Our concerts for 2012 start on Friday 11th May with the Houghton Weavers at the Coronation Hall Ulverston, Saturday 12th August Last Night at the Proms at the Victoria Hall, Bandstands on Sunday 10th June, 1st July and 26th August.

We are sad to report that over the Christmas period we lost a valued member Dave Saville, a brilliant Jazz and Cornet player who will be sadly missed.

Broadway to Ulverston

Back To Broadway is a new musical which is coming to the Coronation Hall Ulverston 11th February as part of national tour. Producer and lead vocalist Gina Price has a passion for musical theatre and in recent times has poured all her efforts into realising the lifelong dream of producing and performing in her own show.

Back to Broadway has fulfilled that dream. Gina's constant strive for perfection has enabled her to take a collection of well loved Broadway songs and present them in a moving, emotional and heart warming story, set against the backdrop of musical theatre's spiritual home..... Broadway.

Back to Broadway will treat the audience to numbers from the likes of Les Miserables, Grease, and Chicago all performed by a cast that have sung in productions across the world. Box Office: 01229 587140 Coro Hall, Ulverston.

Cartmel Choral Society

The Society has raised £500 to be shared by St Mary's Hospice and the NW Air Ambulance. These donations resulted from the choral society's well attended Christmas concert, carol singing and Autumn fair.

The Christmas concert was attended by over 200 people who enjoyed a programme of carols and works by Vivaldi, Rheinberger and the Cornish composer Inglis Gundry. The choir was conducted by their Director Adrian Self and accompanied on the organ and piano by Colin Dean

The Society's Chairman Ann Chatburn said: "We wanted to encourage as many people as possible to attend our recent Christmas concert by making it free of charge and were delighted by the generous support we received. It was a lovely concert which the choir really enjoyed singing."

"When possible we like to be able to support local charities through our concerts and fundraising activities and are very pleased that we could make donations to St Mary's Hospice and the NW Air Ambulance on this occasion."

Prom Art - New Season

The New season of Prom Art is being planned with some improvements which we hope will increase the number of visitors and make these major events bigger than ever. We are not, however, intending to extend beyond the pool as this could make it two separate events and we could lose the friendly atmosphere. It is now 2/3rd the size of indoor art and craft events in Manchester and Liverpool.

We are already nearly fully subscribed with some new artists joining the many from last year. There is a waiting list for exhibitors wanting gazebos so that people can be slotted into spaces on a month by month basis. It promises to be a bumper year with an every widening range of crafts on display, accompanied by music from local musicians 'busking' and we hope to engage some Morris dancers on one occasion. Rascal Fayre Ceilidh Band will come again in September to finish the season.

For information about all the artists who are part of Prom Art please go to our website www.promart.info or to find out more send me an email to robert@promart.info or phone me on 01539535297.

Robert Leach

Me and My Girl

'Leaning on a lamppost' must be one of the most iconic songs from this ever popular musical. The picture of Cockney Bill Snibson returning to his Lambeth roots to find his long time girl Sally Smith is real true love, and this is echoed in real life because these two leading roles are played by man and wife team Mark and Jennifer Jeffries.

This is a 'must see' show if you enjoy lively, colourful, dance and songs such as 'Lambeth Walk', 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On', and one to tug the heart strings in 'Once You Lose Your Heart'.

An experienced cast, with the Duchess and Sir John played by Ann Heap and Derek Roberts, Lady Jacqueline by Samantha Grundy, with newcomer to the society Howard St. Quentin as Gerald, Parchester, the family solicitor, is played by Mick Malkin, and Lord and Lady Battersby are Malcolm Higginson and Rachel Muir, will have you laughing at the extraordinary antics of the 'upper classes'. A real Downton Abbey, with the 'understairs' well represented by some good character acting.

The show performed by members of Grange Amateur Operatic Society is under the superb direction of Christine Bell with the young, enthusiastic Tom Gray wielding the baton.

Show dates are Tuesday February 28th until Saturday 3rd March. Performances begin at 7:30pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm.

Tickets available at Butterfingers or telephone 34098.

A Song for Grange

Dru Blues & the Jingle Jangle are a contemporary folk duo from Grange and Ulverston respectively. The band is made up of Andrew Gallacher (acoustic guitar, vocals) and Mark Borthwick (Violin, accordion, banjo, vocals)

The EP is free to download from facebook page (search Dru Blues & the Jingle Jangle) including the song about Grange. Open for bookings (email aigallacher@yahoo.co.uk or ring 07850243449). Their taglines are 'folk for the lost generation' and 'building bridges and breaking hearts'. The duo has been together 18 months and in that time have gigged extensively, played live on radio, played both main stages at Ulverston folk festival and put together the EP.

'Grange-Over-Sands' was one of the first songs Andrew wrote, to display his affection for the town, but also his occasional frustration that living here brings.

Fund raising lunch

On Friday 4th November residents of Hampsfell Grange arranged a Soup & Sandwich lunch to raise funds for St. Mary's Hospice, Ulverston. Pictures painted by resident Bill Shone were on sale along with items of jewellery. A huge Christmas Hamper was raffled and Hospice Christmas cards sold.

Following the success of this event, residents along with a dozen or so guests were able to donate the magnificent sum of £1070 to the Hospice. Grange Now's apologies for the typing error last month when the sum raised read as £170!

Hobby Quarter

New art, craft and hobby supplies now in stock!

Imperial Buildings, Main Street,
Grange-over-Sands
- just down the hill from
Grange Institute.
Telephone: 015395 38864