

Musical Notes

Stage Whispers

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Just a small note of much appreciation to the audience member who recently wrote to Grange Now congratulating the cast for their production of "Run for your Wife", which she and her friends had enjoyed enormously. Grange Now cunningly juxtaposed the letter with our last article. Thank you, MAB@GN

Play Readings, 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Victoria Hall, 7.30 pm.

Tues. 21st. September: Jim Robson will host Alan Ayckbourn's "Intimate Exchanges". Don't miss this one!

Tues. 19th. October: In place of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Kath Bolton has by coincidence chosen another Ayckbourn: "Relatively Speaking". This is 'early' Ayckbourn, rather different, which Kath describes as 'an intriguing situation!'

Tues. 23rd. November: David Edwards will bring us Jean Anouilh's "Waltz of the Toreadors", and we relish this introduction to another famous playwright.

Prospective Production for January 2011

At the time of going to press, Sandra Williams, a director 'new' to us, together with Jim Robson, held an 'audition reading' on 31st August of J.B.Priestley's "When We Are Married" – in all, a cast of 14.

Assuming that this goes forward, it will be staged Thursday to Saturday, 20-22 January 2010.

As an aside to our prospective winter audiences, GD have decided that seats for all performances will once again be able to be reserved. A Box Office telephone number will be provided, & the TIC will as usual be selling on our behalf. Advanced booking can eliminate the time you spend queuing for a ticket on the night. Full details will appear in 'Grange Now', December edition.

Cartmel Choral Society

The 2010 season starts on Monday 6th September 7.15-9.15pm in Cartmel Village Hall. For the first term the music will be *Dona Nobis Pacem* by R. Vaughan Williams, together with Christmas carols, old and new. These will be presented at our Christmas Concert in Cartmel Priory, on the 11th December at 7.30pm.

If you like to sing four part harmony, come and join us. No audition and no experience necessary, though a little knowledge of music will help. Enrol through Cartmel Adult Education, the prospectus for 2010-2011 is in Grange Library, or phone 363223. Fees are £33 per term (cheques payable to Cumbria County Council, please.

Grange & District

Amateur Operatic Society

Don't forget: rehearsals for OLIVER commence on Wednesday 22 September in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.45pm with Christine Bell as Producer and Tom Gray as Musical Director. New members always welcome.

Children feature greatly in this show and we are looking for Oliver (boy), The Artful Dodger (boy) and members of Fagin's Gang (boys and girls aged 8 and upwards). Auditions will take place on Sunday 10th October at Allithwaite Institute at 1pm. The song for the audition is "Food Glorious Food" – the words can be found on the internet.

Any further information, please contact the Secretary Jennifer Burrow on 34308.

Prizewinning Pianist Performs in Grange

Nestor Bayona Pifarre is a 2009 winner of the prestigious Phillip and Dorothy Green Award for Young Concert Artists from Making Music (The National Federation of Music Societies). This prize had been instrumental in launching the careers of many of today's musical stars. Nestor will perform a popular programme of classical music in the Victoria Hall on the 7th September, 8pm. Tickets available at the door priced £8, students free.

This Spanish born pianist started lessons at the age of six and was awarded the Special Gold Medal in 2008 at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Since then he has performed at the Bridgewater and Wigmore Halls and the Ebina Hall in Japan. He is also currently the artist in residence at the Centre d'Estudis Pianistics in Barcelona and has been awarded a scholarship from the English Speaking Union at the Academie Ravel.

Grange Concert Club are delighted to welcome Nestor, who has broadcast for Spanish Radio, BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. His programme will include music by Bach, Haydn, Chopin and Spanish composers.

Brewery Arts Centre

The autumn and winter programme at Kendal's Brewery Arts Centre is packed with exciting events to appeal to all audiences.

The season kicks off with The Brewery Theatre Company's version of 'TWO', written by Little Voice creator Jim Cartwright and directed by local luminary Judith Notley. It follows a pub landlord and landlady as they serve their regulars, with punters' stories weaving together to form a moving production.

On 15th September the spoken word is bought to life by POLARBear whose show 'RETURN' is at once an aural film, a homecoming, a story of return, loss & memory, the ultimate tale for the camp fire! A few days later on 17 September the Tibetan Monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery comes to town 'a psychedelic whirl of chanting, dancing, drums, cymbals and procession' as described by The Times. Brewery CEO Richard Foster said "They are taking this show to Edinburgh, they play some incredibly unusual instruments and there will even be jiving skeletons on stage! It is something very different that you wouldn't normally see."

For those who prefer more traditional theatre Rodney Bewes is bringing Jerome K Jerome's 'Three men in a Boat' to the stage on Sep 18th and 'The Key to The Garden' on 22nd Sep is sure to bring back nostalgic memories for all.

On the music front, While & Mathews – 8 times nominated for the BBC 2 folk awards play on 24 Sep and the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards semi-final will be on November 13th. Duncan McFarlane's Big band will be here to entertain you on 14th October.

The Brewery also has 4 cafes, restaurants and bars that are open during the day and offer a great selection of food and snacks. Bring this article along to the either The Warehouse Café, The Intro Café or the VATS bar and you will get Tea and Scones for just £2.50 (normal price £3.80).

If you would like to receive a Brewery Arts Autumn brochure which gives you All the information about the events up until Christmas please ring BOX OFFICE on 01539 722833 or go to our website www.breweryarts.co.uk

Beatle tribute band

The Victoria Hall is hoping to host the Beatles Tribute Band "Them Beatles" on Saturday 30th October – more details next month.

The role of The Town Council in Planning Applications

South Lakeland District Council is the planning authority for Grange, and makes decisions on all planning applications. SLDC has a statutory duty to consult with Grange Town Council, and local planning applications are considered by the Town Council, usually during council meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month.

If you wish to comment on a planning application, you should address your comments to SLDC's planning department. It is extremely helpful to us if any comments could also be copied to the Town Council, so that your views can be considered by councillors.

You are welcome to attend Town Council meetings to hear a planning application being discussed, and can address the councillors during the 'Have Your Say' item at the beginning of the meeting, if you wish. 'Have Your Say' is limited to three minutes per person. The agenda for the Town Council meeting is posted on the library noticeboard and the Town Council website (www.grangeoversands.net) at least 3 clear days before each meeting.

The Town Council must consider what is in the best interests of the community as a whole, and hearing the opinions of local people (whether for or against a particular application) assists councillors in making their recommendations to SLDC.

If you would like to speak to a planning officer about an existing application, or would like advice about making an application, you can speak to a planning officer from SLDC during the weekly planning surgery. This is held in the Victoria Hall on Monday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm, no appointment necessary.

Copies of planning applications for the Grange area are available to view on the SLDC website (www.southlakeland.gov.uk) or in the Grange Town Council offices. Please give us a ring on 32375 if you'd like to arrange to come in and look at an application.

SLDC's planning department can be contacted at:

South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal LA9 4UF, Tel: 0845 050 4434. Email: developmentcontrol@southlakeland.gov.uk

Grange Town Council can be contacted at: Council Offices, Victoria Hall, Main Street

District Council to remove dying tree

South Lakeland District Council has informed the Town Council that it intends to remove a dying oak tree which is located in the narrow garden between Main Street and the Community Orchard.

For a number of years this large tree has been producing fewer leaves each spring, and this year a large fungus has grown out of the trunk just above ground level. This fungus will have impacted the roots and may have affected the main trunk.

In view of the strategic position of this tree overhanging Main Street, SLDC has decided, reluctantly, to remove the tree on safety grounds.

Grange Town Council