



# Musical Notes



## Music For The New Year

A concert by the Cartmel Music Group & Amici Singers will be held at 2pm in St Paul's Church on Sunday, 7th February.

Retiring collection to St Paul's Church, Cartmel Music Group and Amnesty International.

## Flookburgh Band says thanks

Flookburgh Band would like to thank everyone for their support at our Carol Concerts over Christmas. Our Junior Band also turned out at local events playing carols. Any enquiries about the Junior Band please phone Adrian Turner on tel. 34775.

The carols on the square on Christmas Day drew a large crowd again and we would like to thank Hazel Steven and Paul (Holker Café) for sending mulled wine. A collection for "Help our Heroes" raised £200. Again we would ask if anyone has any band instruments not in use. The Junior Band would be glad of them. Thank you to the gentleman from Fairfield who donated a trombone. Look forward to seeing you all at our future concerts, a list of which is on our web site [www.flookburghband.com](http://www.flookburghband.com) or phone Tony 59081.

## Popular Carousel turns again in Grange

**Forget winter – June is bustin' out all over! Stirring melodies, colourful costumes and powerful emotions will be portrayed LIVE on stage courtesy of Grange & District Amateur Operatic Society with their performances of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Carousel from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Victoria Hall.**

Curtain up at 7.30pm nightly with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Bookings taken at Buttermere or telephone 34098.

This emotive story will bring tears and laughter as the handsome leading man Billy Bigelow (played by experienced actor Mark Jeffreys) dies prematurely after being led astray by scheming Jigger Craigin (Bob Christy). He finds himself in heaven after leaving his young, innocent, new bride (Caroline Fearon) carrying his child. Only able to carry on with her life after encouragement from cousin Nettie (Rachel Muir) who sings the evocative and much loved ballad, "You'll Never Walk Alone."

You will be humming along to If I Loved You; When the Children Are Asleep; The Carousel Waltz and of course, June is Bustin' Out All Over.

The Snow family, father (Mick Malkin), mother (Jennifer Jeffreys), their nine children, Heavenly Friend (Catherine Garnett), Star Keeper (Malcolm Higginson), and Mister Bascombe (George Barratt) complete the cast.

With its amazing scenery, the show is directed by Christine Bell, Musical Direction under Tom Gray, and will suit all ages.

Come and support your local society and enjoy yourselves!

## Cumbria Choral Initiative

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Cumbria Choral Initiative will be presenting a Choral and Orchestral Concert. The New Millennium Chorus and Orchestra are performing Gerald Finzi's setting of Wordsworth's 'Intimations of Immortality' and, together with a choir of children from local schools and a rock band, a new commission by local composer Roland Fudge entitled 'Celestial Light'.

Soloist: Nicholas Hurndall Smith. Conductor: Ian Jones. Venue: Kendal Parish Church. Tickets adults £10, students £2 available from Specsavers Kendal, 01539 724449 or [ann@cumbriachoralinitiative.org.uk](mailto:ann@cumbriachoralinitiative.org.uk)

## Odyssey Trio

**Beethoven Piano Trio Op. 1, Dvorak Dumky Trio, Ravel Piano Trio.**

**Thursday 18th February 7.30pm Victory Hall, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6HN.**

Tickets: £12 Students & Under-18s £6  
Box office: By phone; 0845 658 8982 In person; Broughton-in-Furness Tourist Information 01229 716115, Mon-Sat 10-2.

The Bookshop at the Tinner's Rabbit, 48 Market Street, Ulverston.

This is the final opportunity to join the Ulverston International Music Festival's 'out of season' concert series. The Odyssey Trio will perform an unusual programme; Beethoven Piano Trio op.1 followed by Dvorak's Folksy Dumky Trio which is matched here with the Ravel Piano Trio - a work of true genius. The piano trio is a medium often cited as the most exciting for performers - and hopefully audience alike - due to the small number of players which allows them to express themselves as soloists rather than within a more refined larger chamber group.

The third concert in the eagerly awaited Broughton Concerts Series will be given by the enigmatic Odyssey Trio. Featuring Anthony Hewitt Piano, Ning Kam Violin and Miranda Harding Cello.

## Oxen Park Cinema Club

**The absence of an OPCC entry in Grange Now over the last couple of months didn't mean there weren't any films showing. Apologies if you've missed out owing to the lack of information. Apart from the cancellation of our January 5th film owing to severe bad weather (the club's first cancellation ever), the 'show has gone on' - and audience figures throughout the season have been excellent so far.**

On Tuesday February 2nd there is a screening of Kitchen Stories (Cert PG). This is a Scandinavian film which has been described as 'wondrously bizarre'. It's impossible to summarise it in a couple of lines, just to say that it's set in the 1950s and it's warm-hearted and entertaining. The show takes place at Rusland Reading Rooms starting at 7.30.

Rusland Reading Rooms are the village hall, situated opposite Rusland church. Turn left at Rusland Cross and follow the OPCC signs. Admission £4.50 non-members, £3 members.

Our Junior Film Club is screening Millions at Leven Valley School (Backbarrow) at 6.30 on Thursday February 11th (Cert 12A). Directed by Slumdog Millionaire's Danny Boyle, the film tells the story of a 7-year old who finds a bag of pounds with a few days to spend before the currency is switched to Euros. As a consequence he learns what we are really made of. Admission is £1 for youngsters and accompanying adults.

Then at 7.30 on Tuesday February 16th OPCC is holding its annual book and film event at Ulverston's Coronation Hall, related to the Word Market festival. The film (and book) is The Manchurian Candidate (Cert 15). Dating from 1962 it has been described as one of the finest thrillers ever made. Guest speaker Dr Alan Sennett, an associate lecturer in modern history, politics and film, will be contributing his thoughts. To get the most out of the evening do try to read the book first - but of course you can just come along and enjoy the film and speaker. But be warned, one of the original taglines was: 'If you come in five minutes after this picture begins, you won't know what it's all about!' Usual admission prices.

Contact Carol McNeill on 01229 861507 to reserve a seat for either of the above. For more information about OPCC, its forthcoming films (including maps of venues) and its activities generally go to [www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk](http://www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk).

## Stage Whispers

**True Grit!** A cliché, we know, but True Grit in getting to rehearsals was shown by all the members of Grange Drama's cast of "Season's Greetings" during the recent snow epidemic. Only one rehearsal was cancelled, and otherwise the cast struggled in; not only from the hillsides around Grange itself, but from much further afield: Kendal, an almost unreachable High Newton, Yealand Conyers, and the like. More grit in our actors than on the roads, alas!

At the time of writing, the very final touches are being made to this late-January production, which will have 'been and gone' by the time you read this. We are very grateful to every member of our audiences, and fully hope that you all enjoyed our presentation of this Alan Ayckbourn classic.

Please let Geoff (below) know whether the Saturday matinee was a welcome addition.

### Forthcoming Play Readings

Grange Drama will henceforth be holding all future Play Readings at the Victoria Hall, by the kind arrangement of GTC. Readings will always be on a Tuesday, at 7.30 pm. Newcomers are always very welcome at these events, which are always much enjoyed. So why not come along and give your tongs an airing?

Here are the next three dates for your diary:

16<sup>th</sup> February "RUN FOR YOUR WIFE", by Ray Cooney. Here, Benita Finch will be in the Director's Chair, and this event will also serve as the Audition Reading for GD's June production. Benita (who appeared as Belinda in "Season's Greetings") is no stranger to local theatre, and here she turns her experienced hand to directing comedy. Both comedy and its co-star, farce, remain a very popular genre for both audience and actors alike.

16<sup>th</sup> March "THE NOBLE SPANIARD", by W. Somerset Maugham. Led by Donald Scott.

20<sup>th</sup> April "ARISTOCRATS", by Brian Friel. Reading led by David Edwards.

Subsequent readings will appear in future editions of *Grange Now*.

### New To Grange?

Grange Drama is always looking to recruit additional members to their existing core of players, backstage crew and front of house. There are manifold responsibilities in bringing a production to the stage, and whether you have had previous experience or are looking for an interesting and rewarding outlet for your talents, Geoff Entwistle, our Chairman, regular actor and general long-suffering dogsbody will always be happy to talk with you on **015395 32391**.

**Your next grange now**

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