

What, When, Where

Spring concert for Forest of Dean Orchestra



CONDUCTOR: Jack Lovell with players.

AUDIENCE appeal for all age groups is the key to the Royal Forest of Dean Orchestra's Spring Concert on Saturday, March 21.

The programming of much-loved works by Elgar and Mozart will prove popular. The concert is being staged at St Peter's Church, Newnham-on-Severn at daffodil time when the village is awash with golden blooms.

Youngsters from the local primary are being invited to come and listen to the rehearsal before the evening performance, when funds from the retiring collection will go towards a spiritual garden at their school.

This will be new conductor Jack Lovell's second concert with the orchestra – and he has invited professional bassoonist Richard Tattam to perform Mozart's Bassoon Concerto.

Richard won a scholarship to study at the Birmingham Conservatoire and later went on to gain an Honours Music degree. He continued his studies at the Royal Northern College of Music and



SOLOIST: Bassoonist Richard Tattam rehearses with the orchestra.

has recently performed the Mozart Bassoon Concerto with Sinfonia of Birmingham for their tour of Italy in 2013.

"The concerto is a work that is often used by bassoonists for auditions," said Richard, "but what I am enjoying so much

is being able to give it my interpretation for this concert."

Another Mozart work - 'the Great G Minor Symphony No 40' - will also feature during the concert.

This will provide a contrast to Elgar's beautiful Chanson de Matin and its compan-

ion piece Chanson de Nuit, which will bring another dimension to the evening. Both works were originally written for violin and piano but the composer, who lived just over the border in Worcestershire, later orchestrated them both.

The concert at St Peter's Church, Newnham-on-Severn starts at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments served during the interval. Tickets, available on the door, are priced at £8 (concessions £6) and schoolchildren are free.

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Rugby World Cup Q & A

RUGBY World Cup winners are gracing Cinderford Rugby Club - but not on the hallowed Dockham Road pitch.

Ex-Gloucester men Phil Vickery and Trevor Woodman are holding a charity question and answer session at the Beavis Memorial Ground.

The evening kicks-off next Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm and a curry and rice supper is included in the price. A charity auction will also take place on the night.

Entry is £10 per person and proceeds will be donated to Cinderford RFC's charity of the season, The Pied Piper Appeal.

Tickets can be bought by calling Donna on 822673 or emailing her on donna@cinderfordrfc.co.uk.

Daffodil time in Oxenhall

OXENHALL Daffodil Weekend takes place on Saturday March 22 and Sunday March 23.

A visit to Oxenhall Parish Hall in Kempley Road will enable visitors to learn about the trust behind the event and what the trust is doing to conserve the fragile remaining populations of this iconic wildflower.

There will be two guided walks that leave Betty Daws Wood on Saturday at 2pm – a two-mile walk taking in the wood and Gwen and Vera's Fields; and at 2.30pm a one-mile walk that is child friendly focus.

Both walks cover uneven ground and can be muddy, with stiles to negotiate.

Teas will be on offer at Oxenhall Parish Hall while the children can have some fun with a range of activities including make your own model wild daffodil.

No booking is required to take part, just turn up and enjoy the day.

Oxenhall Parish Hall will also be serving refreshments and light lunches between noon and until 5pm both days.

Young Willow in perfect harmony

BRILLIANT young singer-songwriter Willow Burden has released her debut EP under the Rurdean-based label run by a local music school.

Hide and Seek is a four-track record from 16-year-old Willow, a member of Harmony School, and was produced by Jayl De Lara at the Angel Studio in Rurdean.

All four songs are written and performed by Willow herself, and were inspired by the loss of her grandparents in 2014.

Willow showcases a haunting style crafted around a voice far more mature than her 16 years

– and as classically trained member of Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir, she is only likely to get better.

She has already performed at the Royal Albert Hall and will soon be singing at St Paul's Cathedral, as she has now earned a place on to the prestigious Eton Choral Course.

Willow recently starred as Christine in St Peter's High School production of The Phantom of the Opera.

Hide and Seek is available from Amazon, iTunes and other online outlets.



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