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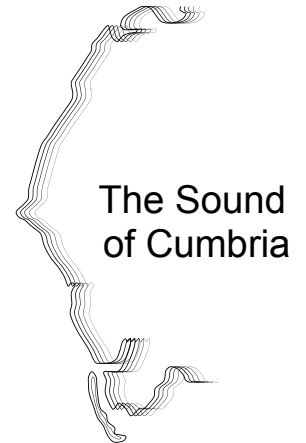
Summer 2010

Robin Gray

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the recent death of Robin Gray. Robin and Joan were both members of the committee for very many years and, though they retired from that role, they remained committed supporters of the Orchestra. They were always to be seen at concerts and helping out at the Orchestra's functions. Our sympathy goes out to Joan and the family.

Joyce Briggs

Players and supporters will be saddened to hear of the death of Joyce Briggs. Joyce and Stan have been, for many years, involved in music in the area and have played in the West Lakeland Orchestra for more than 25 years. Joyce's lovely Cello playing will be much missed by all and our sympathy goes out to Stan and to the family.



WLO's FIRST FOREIGN TOUR?

We may have the opportunity to give a concert in France in 2011. The Western Valleys of Cumbria are twinned with St. Martin d'Auxigny, a small town near Bourges in the middle of France, where the people are very hospitable and really enjoy welcoming Cumbrians into their homes. You will find more information on www.cjsma.over-blog.com. Foreign tours need planning long in advance, and so now is the time to express an interest. Please have a word with David Shirt or David Killick (019467-26258 or killick.wasdale@btinternet.com) **by the time of the June concert at the latest**. If too few playing members do so, of course a concert could not take place, which would be a pity. But you might like to join in the twinning in any case, concert or no concert!

CD RECYCLING SCHEME

Do you have any CDs you no longer listen to? If so, please bring them to the next orchestra rehearsal, where they will be put on sale (usually for £2 each), all proceeds going to WLO funds.

Invitation to the Post Concert Meal in Egremont Market Hall

The meal will consist of two courses - lasagne with salad (vegetable lasagne available) followed by cheese and biscuits and the price per person is £9-00.

Drinks are not included but the bar will be open throughout the evening.

Please send replies **by 15th June** and money to:-

Mr Guy Murray, Taw House, Kirkland Road, Kirkland, Frizington, CA26 3XY.

I/We require.....meals

Name.....

Review of concert by members of West Lakeland Orchestra, Eccle Riggs Hall, Saturday 13th March, 2010.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of CGP Books, a second 'special fund raising concert' was given by members of West Lakeland Orchestra, at Eccle Riggs Hall on Saturday 13th March. That a near capacity audience filled the performance room guaranteed the funding raising success of the evening; the opening strains of Quilter's brilliantly orchestrated *A Children's Overture* played with appropriate aplomb, guaranteed an evening of highly enjoyable music making.

The thirty-five members of West Lakeland Orchestra, under the direction of their conductor David Shirt, continued the evening by performing three delightful and contrasting short pieces - Elgar's *Chanson de Matin*; Grieg's *Varen*; and Ponchielli's famous *Dance of the Hours*. The orchestra's new principal flautist Fiona Norrie was soloist in a selection of movements from Bach's *Suite in B minor*. Her enchanting performance, accompanied by the strings of the orchestra, clearly delighted the audience.

Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No 1, Op. 15 in C* opened the second half of the concert. This was perhaps the most major work on the evening's programme, and the playing of the opening tutti demonstrated that the thirty-five members of the orchestra were well up to the task. So was the soloist, Wendy LeVoi. Although usually a member of the violin section of the WLO, Wendy also plays cello and double bass, but as was clear from this evening's performance, is a professionally trained pianist. Indeed she commenced playing the piano at the age of six, and later continued her piano studies at music college in Newcastle.

The concert concluded with Malcolm Arnold's brilliant showpiece, the *Toy Symphony*. Scored for strings, percussion, piano, and a selection of toy instruments, this work provides ten minutes of excitement, fun, and moments of pathos. The orchestra clearly enjoyed playing as much as the audience enjoyed listening, and the evening certainly finished on a 'high'.

Such fundraising evenings assist the continuance of the WLO. It would surely be a tragedy, were the area to lose its excellent orchestra when a modest increase in sources of income can ensure the future provision of the superb concerts to which we have become accustomed.

Parlando

**Parlando's
'Crit' of Last
Concert**

This Concert

Saturday 26 June 7.30 pm	The Market Hall, Egremont
Overture, The Mikado	Sullivan
Clarinet Concerto	Pleyel
Soloist	Trevor Dain
Symphony No. 1 in C	Beethoven
Tango	Albeniz

Next Concert

Sat 20 Nov 7.30pm	Millom School
Overture, The Silken Ladder	Rossini
Cello Concerto	Dvorak
Soloist:	Ed Pendrous
Symphony No. 9, The Great	Schubert

