Bienvenue!

It's Festival time again, and for 2006 a taste of France is blended with the haunting clang of Gamelan, the slapstick of 17th century opera with lots of bells and whistles, music for children, early music from the finest artists on the block ... and The Bee Gees! (see page 4 'A Taste of Honey').

This French répas is served with lots of spice: French film season, a brilliant young ensemble from the Paris Conservatoire, Trio Gitano recreating the heady atmosphere of Le Hot Club, classical violinist Philippe Graffin, young French organist Erwan le Prado playing the restored organ of Peterborough Cathedral - and, for a thrilling opener, Christina Pluhar's L'Arpeggiata, with spine tingling crossover music and dance embracing the medieval and the modern.

Throw into the mix the world-famous Choir of King's College Cambridge, a racy interpretation of Purcell's Restoration show The Fairy Queen, and acclaimed period instrument orchestra The Academy of Ancient Music, et Voilà!

And if you're 21 or under, you can see and hear most of this for just £5 a concert - come and give it a try.

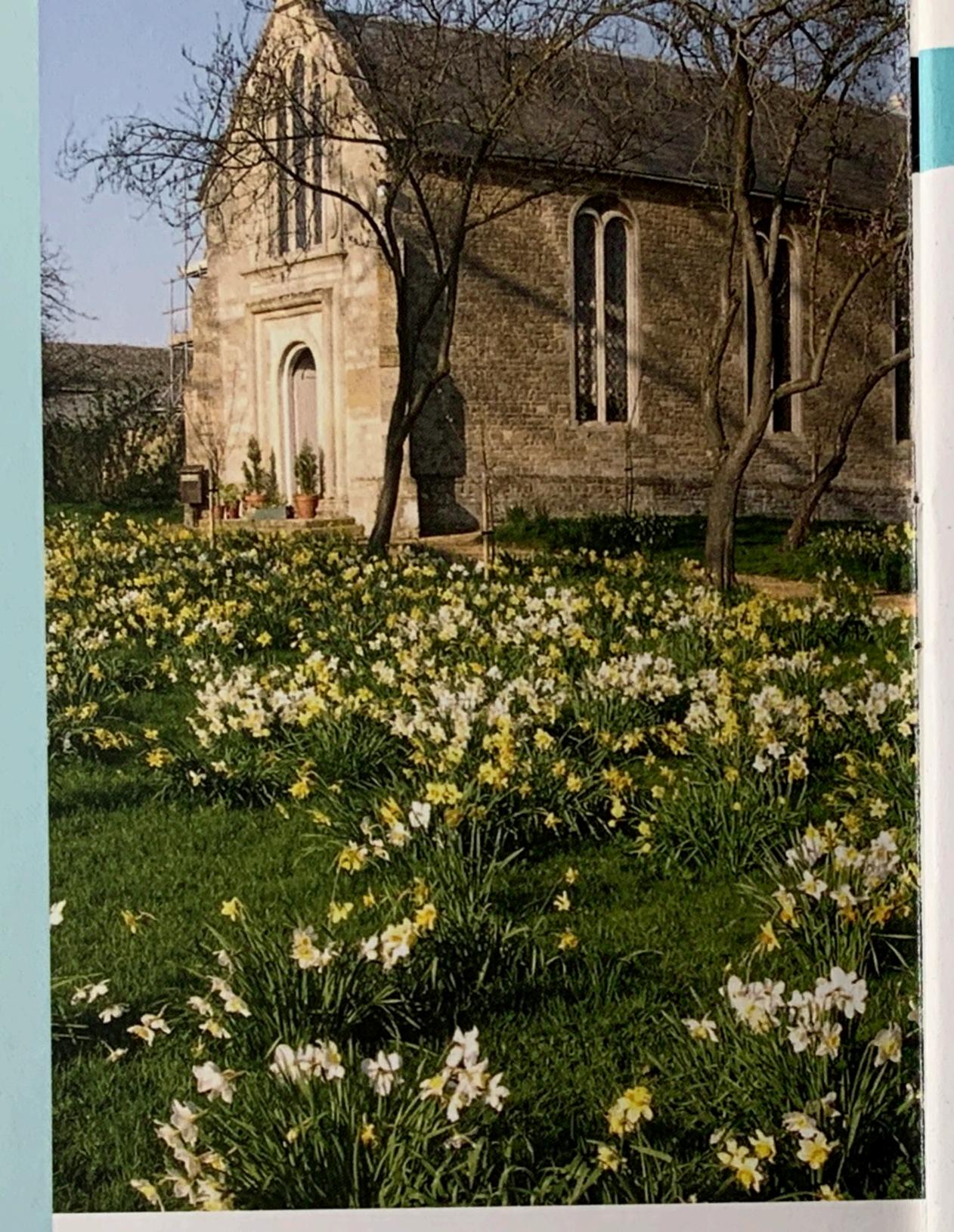
We love devising our annual programme and hope you will love the feast we have cooked up this year.

Bon appetit!

Patricia Ryan and James Parsons







Festival HQ, the Creed Chapel, in Spring. Founded in 1706, the Chapel is 300 years old this year.

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Thurs 20th	1.30pm 1.45pm 8pm	tour: Fitzwilliam Museum King's Chamber Orchestra (children) Cabaret: Dominic Alldis/Pavao Quartet	10 11
Fri 21st	1.10pm 7.30pm 9.45pm	Erwan le Prado, organ recital Academy of Ancient Music Film: The Beat That My Heart Skipped	12 13
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Friday 14th July

L'Arpeggiata **Director Christina Pluhar**

8pm St Peter's Church (Parish Church)

Tickets £12 / £5 under 21



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