

Open-air theatre

Illyria

Robin Hood

adapted by Oliver Gray

6.30pm (gates open 5.30pm)

The Creed Chapel, Ashton (1 mile Oundle)

Tickets £12 (£5 under 21)

Robin of Locksley, Little John, Will Scarlet, Friar Tuck, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Maid Marian, Archery, Roaming through the Glen, Merry Men in Tights... everything you ever knew - and one or two things you didn't - about the most enduring of English legends and his adventures is brought together in a riotous and exciting new show.

King Richard has gone to fight in the crusades, but while he is away evil Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham take over the land and tax the people into desperate poverty. Enraged by this injustice one man decides to fight back; his name is Robin Hood. Gathering his men in Sherwood Forest, Robin fights and defeats the Sheriff of Nottingham, proves himself to be the finest archer in the kingdom and wins the love of the fair Maid Marian. But when Prince John declares himself King, how will Robin fight an entire army and save England?

This show is suitable for everyone aged 5 and over, and performed by Illyria, the award-winning theatre company famed for stealing from richer people's picnics to give to the poor. So bring the family, a picnic and chairs or rugs (no seating provided), and enjoy this classic English tale in a classically English rural setting.

Bar and coffee available

This open-air performance will be cancelled in the event of a hurricane only!

Performance ends at approximately 8.15pm



Community Opera

Tobias & the Angel

Music by Jonathan Dove

Libretto by David Lan

Director Alastair Boag

Music Director Alexander Walker

7.30pm St Peter's Parish Church

Tickets £10 (£5 under 21)

Last chance to see Oundle's community opera. For full details please see page 6.

Bar open before performance

Performance ends approximately 9pm



Celebrity Organ Recital in Ely Cathedral

Wednesday 11 July at 7.30pm



David Sanger

plays

Edward Elgar's sumptuous Organ Sonata in G and organ music from the English romantic tradition

Tickets £8 at the door

promoted by Oundle for Organists

Ashley Wass, piano

7.30pm Oundle School Great Hall

Tickets £10 (£5 under 21)

Ludwig van Beethoven 32 Variations in C minor

Andante Favori

William Alwyn

Twelve Preludes

Franz Liszt

Three Petrarch Sonnets

Sir Edward Elgar

Enigma Variations



A nod towards the Festival's English theme in two of the works to be played by virtuosic young pianist Ashley Wass. Framed by the passion of Beethoven's Variations, and Liszt's Petrarch Sonnets celebrating a pure and heavenly love, the works of Alwyn and Elgar provide an elegant, very English contrast.

Bar open before recital and during the interval

Recital ends at approximately 9.20pm



Twilight Organ Recital

James Parsons

9.30pm Church of The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tickets £8

Buxtehude, Böhm and the young J S Bach Now there's style ... fantastic!

This year sees the tercentary of organist Diderik Buxtehude (1637-1707), whose dramatic musical mannerisms embody the North German *stilus fantasticus*; his influence upon the youthful JS Bach was immense. The baroque colours of the Festival organ at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus prove ideal for Buxtehude's eccentric music, offered in a programme which also highlights works by Bach and Bach's other great mentor, Georg Böhm.

The start of this recital will be delayed by up to ten minutes if the previous concert over-runs.

Recital ends at approximately 10.30pm

