

Recital by top pianist

WORLD renowned instrumental pianist Richard Meyrick will be wowing audiences with a free piano recital next week. The recital takes place on Wednesday, February 25, at 7.30pm at Barnard Castle School.

Richard Meyrick describes his programme as 'dangerous and imaginative' and he will take the audience to the cinema with the Warrow Concerto and the Death in Venice as well as to great TV series like the Worlds at War and even Jonathan Ross - Saint-Saeur, Danse Macabre.

Richard Meyrick has toured exclusively in North America, Russia, Australia and Europe. His career was interrupted by the discovery of thyroid cancer, but lengthy treatment has fortunately been successful.

The concert will involve stunning pyrotechnics, we are promised, which have earned him standing ovations from capacity audiences in London.

Mr Meyrick is a wonderful, humorous raconteur, and punctuates the concert pieces with amusing stories and anecdotes.

Review

The Oxford Concert Party Witham Hall, Barnard Castle THE perfect antidote to a cold February night was the evening spent by the 70-plus audience who were lucky enough to see The Oxford Concert Party perform at the Witham Hall.

Billed as 'music to blow away the winter blues' all were captivated by the expertise of the individual musicians, but who as a group were stunning.

Arne Richards fronted the group and interspersed the music with interesting verbal items, in addition to playing the accordion and harpsichord - the latter in itself worth coming to see, having been custom-made with a superb painting under the open lid.

The music covered '300 years of music turned upside down, where Handel and Vivaldi rub shoulders with Jewish Klezmer, Argentinian Tango, Irish Laments and music from Eastern Europe.' Judging by the amount of their CDs sold, a lot of people will still be enjoying their style.

HAZEL YEADON

Radio station nears launch

EXCITEMENT is mounting among the volunteers behind Teesdale's brand new radio station.

Radio Teesdale goes live on Monday, broadcasting on the frequency 107.9FM.

A wide variety of presenters, both amateur and professional, have been gathered together for the month-long trial run.

The station, which will broadcast from studios in Galgate, currently has a restricted licence but organisers hope to apply for a full licence if it is successful. A varied schedule of music and discussion programmes make up the schedules for the month.

The schedule for the first three days on air is as follows:

Monday, February 23.

6-9am: Breakfast. Music, news, travel information, farming news, topical chat. Presenter: Andy Greener.

9-12pm: Morning magazine. Music and

by **Adrian Braddy**

guests. Presenter: Ruth Dent.

12-1pm: Non-stop music. Lunch.

1-3pm: The afternoon show. Music, What's on.

3-4pm: Take a break. Non-stop music.

4-6pm: Kate and Nath show. Music, travel information.

Presenters: Katie Brown and Nathan Greener.

6-7pm: Youth show. Music, fashions, music news. Presenter: Catherine Chapman.

7-9pm: Specialist shows. Rhythm & blues. Presenter: Steve Brown.

9-11pm: Music, issues of the day. Presenter: Jodie Dunn.

11-6am: Non-stop music.

Tuesday, February 24

6-9am: Breakfast. Music, news, travel information, farming news, topical chat. Presenter: Andy Greener.

9-12pm: Morning magazine. Music and guests. Presenter: Ruth Dent.

12-1pm: Non-stop music. Lunch.

1-3pm: The afternoon show. Music, What's on.

3-3.30pm: Faith in Teesdale. Churches together. Presenter: Churches together.

3.30-4pm: Take a break. Non-stop music.

4-6pm: Drive time. Music, travel information. Presenter: Paul Johnston.

6-7pm: Youth show. Music, fashions, music news. Presenter: Catherine Chapman.

7-8pm: Specialist show. The Youth Club Days. Memories and music from the 50's. Presenter: Michael Fryer.

8-9pm: Specialist show. The singers and

the songs. Presenter: Val Fryer.

9-11pm: Jodie Dunn. Music, issues of the day. Presenter: Jodie Dunn.

11-6am: Non-stop music.

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9-12pm: Morning magazine. Music and guests. Presenter: Ruth Dent.

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1-3pm: The afternoon show. Music, what's on.

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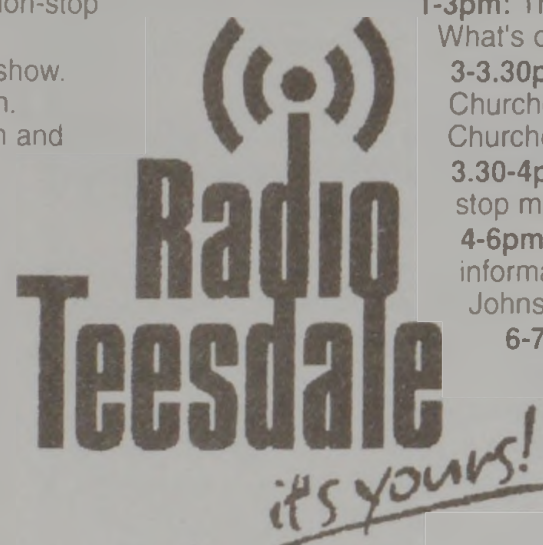
4-6pm: Kate and Nath show. Music, travel information. Presenters: Katie Brown and Nathan Greener.

6-7pm: Youth show. Music, fashions, music news. Presenter: Catherine Chapman.

7-9pm: Specialist show. Jazz. Presenter: Terry Willis.

9-11pm: Music, issues of the day. Presenter: Jodie Dunn.

11-6am: Non-stop music.



Michael Fryer

Out & About

free to all new members
Tel: 01388 834675

Inte. Tickets £7.50 including hot food but bring your own drinks.
Tel: Carolyn 732047, Sarah 7310891 or Wendy 730826

Monday Feb 23

● **Minor Injuries Clinic**
Newbiggin Village Hall. Every Monday
Tel: 01833 640877

● **Barnard Castle and Teesdale Art Society**
Demonstration and talk by John Degan
Witham Hall Snack Bar, Barnard Castle. 2pm

● **Woodcarving Group**
Every other Monday.
Mickleton Village Hall, 7-10pm
Tel: 01833 640373

Tuesday Feb 24

● **Line Dancing**
Beginners welcome
Middleton-in-Teesdale WMC, 8pm. Every Tuesday

● **Mixed Crafts**
Fourth week of 10-week term.
With Melitta Butterell
Newbiggin Village Hall, 10am - 12noon. £35
Tel: 01833 640877

● **Clog Dancing**
Fifth week of 10-week term.
With Jane Waites.
Newbiggin Village Hall, 7.30pm - 9pm. £30 for complete course

● **Needlecraft**
Sixth week of 10-week course with Melitta Butterell
Newbiggin Village Hall. £35
Tel: 01833 640877

● **Yoga Classes**
St Mary's Parish Hall, Newgate, Barnard Castle, 7pm.
Tel: 01388 604503

● **Teeny Tunes**
Musical parent/baby & toddler group
West Auckland Memorial Hall. Every Wednesday. First session

Friday Feb 20

● **Friday Fun Night**
Fun swimming for children aged 8 to 16.
Teesdale Sports Centre, Strathmore Road, Barnard Castle. Every Friday. 80p

Saturday Feb 21

● **Midlife Crisis**
Friends of Gainford School and Darlington Dyslexic Support Group present this live band performing blues and 80s music.
Gainford Village Hall 7.30pm till

Sunday Feb 22

● **Evening worship**
Preacher: Revd Richard Hunter.
Masonic Hall, Middleton-in-Teesdale.
Newbiggin Methodist Chapel at 6pm

● **Guided Walk**
North of Gainford, via Headlam.

Four miles, easy rating. This walk will be led by geographer and local historian, Vera Champman.
Meet at the Lord Nelson public house, Gainford at 1.30pm

begins. With Melitta Butterell
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Continuing

● **Bowes Museum**
Dazzling Wedding Belles: Two Centuries of Bridal Gowns. until April 4. William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement in the North. until February 4. After Life, until March 21.
Tel: 01833 690606

Out and About is a free service. Deadline for entries is Friday at 5pm for the following week. We regret that we are currently unable to take Out and About entries over the phone. Send entries to Out and About, Teesdale Mercury, 24 Market Place, Barnard Castle, DL12 8NB, email them to editor@teesdalemercury.co.uk or drop them into our office in Barnard Castle or Middleton-in-Teesdale. Every effort will be made to publish every entry received, however, pressure of space means we regret that we can not guarantee publication. To guarantee publication of your event details contact Alison Williamson on 01833 633605 to discuss a What's On advertisement

Voice of Faith

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter, Carpenter Shop, Nazareth.
FROM: Jordan Management Consultant's, Jerusalem.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation.

All of them have now taken our battery of tests; we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our physiologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty.

Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau, James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture. Sincerely yours,

Jordan Management Consultants

BILL BARTLE
Barnard Castle Methodist Church

PUBLIC NOTICE

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACE) (PAY AND DISPLAY) ORDER 2003

NOTICE OF VARIATION - UNDER SECTION 46A OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that from 1 April 2004 The Teesdale District Council will increase the charges payable throughout the Galgate Car Park.

THE CURRENT CHARGES PAYABLE AT THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ARE:

Motor cars, light vehicles and goods vehicles	8.00am to 6.00pm	Up to 2 hours	£0.60
		Up to 3 hours	£1.20
		Up to 4 hours	£2.00
		Over 4 hours	£2.50
Motor coaches	8.00am to 6.00pm	£3.00 per day or part thereof	
Vehicles over 1.5 tonnes unladen weight	6.00pm to 8.00am	£3.50	

THE CHARGES PAYABLE FROM 1 APRIL 2004 ARE TO BE:

Motor cars, light vehicles and goods vehicles	8.00am to 6.00pm	Up to 1 hour	£0.50
		Up to 2 hours	£0.80
		Up to 3 hours	£1.50
		Up to 4 hours	£2.50
		Over 4 hours	£3.00
Motor coaches	8.00am to 6.00pm	£3.50 per day or part thereof	
Vehicles over 1.5 tonnes unladen weight	6.00pm to 8.00am	£4.00	

A copy of the above Order can be inspected free of charge at Teesdale House, Galgate, Barnard Castle during normal office hours Monday to Friday.

Mrs A Rocks-Menon - Head of Legal & Licensing 25 February 2004

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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 25th February
7.00pm-9.00pm

★ A & AS Levels ★ Vocational A Levels ★ GNVQ Intermediate
★ Access Course ★ Art & Design Foundation ★ GCSEs

David Heaton, the Principal, will talk about the College at 7.00pm in the Main Hall

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Durham Dales **NHS** Primary Care Trust

DURHAM DALES PRIMARY CARE TRUST PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Durham Dales Primary Care Trust Board will be held on Thursday 19th February 2004 at the Optimum Centre, Bishop Auckland College at 10.00am. The public are kindly invited to observe the Board at work. If you would like further details, please contact Susan Bell, PA, Durham Dales Primary Care Trust on 01388 458835 ext 127 or email susan.bell@durhamdalespcr.nhs.uk