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CASSIC Proms anthems, fireworks over the water and picnics under candlelight may sound like a far off dream.

that's what is planned for the biggest summer concert Banbury has ever seen - a fireworks

on Saturday, July 12.

charity concert, which is being organised by Banbury's Rotary Club, is expected to attract hundreds of people.

The fairytale setting will be historic Broughton Castle - home of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele - with the 50-strong Banbury Symphony Orchestra providing the music.

Favourites like Pomp and Circumstance No 1 and Jerusalem will be accompanied by Carmen and Finlandia in a programme to suit everyone's musical taste.

Rotarian Peter Fowler said: "Similar types of events are run at other stately homes around the country, but the difference is this one's all local and for charity."

"We're doing it to raise money for local causes such as the Katharine House Hospice and to provide really good entertainment."

The night has been planned along the same lines as the summer concert at Blenheim Palace, but Fowler wants a carnival-type atmosphere for the event.

The focus won't just be on the stage. There'll be lots going on all round the parkland, such as fairgrounds, buskers, barrel organs and so on. And we're still looking for acts," he added: "We want to make this as grand an event as possible. People are invited to bring



## CONCERT programme

1. Finlandia
2. Carmen Suite No.1
3. Soirees Musicales
4. Little Suite No.2

### INTERVAL

5. Cockaigne
6. In The Circus
7. March, Crown Imperial
8. Jerusalem
9. March, Pomp and Circumstance No.1

Jean Sibelius  
Georges Bizet  
Benjamin Britten  
Malcolm Arnold

Edward Elgar  
Karen Khachaturian  
William Walton  
Hubert Parry  
Edward Elgar

their own picnics but if they want to come in top hats and tails with candelabras, all the better."

Preparations for the concert began a year ago when the Rotary Club and Banbury Symphony Orchestra first got their heads together.

Orchestra chairman Richard Hartree said: "I first got the idea for it when our new conductor suggested we have a fireworks concert. I talked about it with some Rotarians and we eventually decided to do it as a fundraising event."

The orchestra, formed 26 years ago, usually does two to three performances a year but has never undertaken a concert of this size before.

"It's the first time we will have played in the open air and in front of such a big audience," said Mr Hartree.

Mr Hartree is hoping there will be plenty of

audience participation to spur them on.

"We're going to be playing traditional proms pieces and we're hoping the audience will sing along. The atmosphere should be really electric."

The grounds will open at 5pm, well in advance of the concert itself at 8.30pm, with fireworks accompanying the finale at 10.30pm.

Tickets prices are: Adult individual ticket £5 in advance, £7 on the night; family (two adults and two children) £10 in advance, £15 on the night; car ticket (up to four adults in a car) £15 in advance and £20 on the night.

For tickets send a stamped addressed envelope and cheque along with details of type and number of tickets to: Mike Kervell, The Jasmines, Horley, Banbury, Oxon OX15 6BD. For more details call (01295) 730043.



BRASSED OFF: Members of Symphony Orchestra's brass section, pictured top, tune up at Broughton Castle this week.

Picture: Natasha Lyste

ABOVE: Tuba player Alan Prickett .

# Fireworks lit up the public imagination



CLASSIC NIGHT: It was dinner jackets and candelabras for revellers at Banbury's first Firework Proms.

THE setting was perfect and the atmosphere brilliant as an outdoor classical concert at the weekend proved to be a spectacular success.

And in the gorgeous summer sunshine, with Broughton Castle as a superb backdrop, the first-time event, put together by the Rotary Club of Banbury, was a fitting end to a year of painstaking organisation.

Although there were teething problems with the sound, the 5,000-strong audience which packed the majestic grounds went home happy.

And the fairy tale setting had a fairy tale finale as thousands of pounds worth of fireworks lit up the night sky at the end of the two-hour concert.

"The attendance was far in excess of what we expected," said concert committee chairman Peter Fowler.

"But, as a result, I'm aware of the fact that a number of people were unable to hear the full performance and for which, on behalf of the organising committee, I most sincerely apologise."

Because of the event's enormous success, the Rotary Club is already planning next year's event where the quality of sound will be a top priority.

The charity concert was performed by the 50-strong Banbury Symphony Orchestra, which did the town proud with a faultless performance.

Favourites like Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 and Jerusalem filled the air together with music from Carmen and Finlandia.

"The public made the event one of the best carnival type atmospheres I have been to for a long time and the finale of Land of Hope and Glory accompanied by a great firework display will live with me for a long time," said Mr Fowler.

# Firework music at the castle

BANBURY'S very own fireworks concert takes place on Saturday, July 12, with a performance from the Banbury Symphony Orchestra at Broughton Castle.

Gates open at 5pm so visitors will be able to picnic in the grounds before the performance starts at 8pm.

The concert has been organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury to raise money for local charities.

Tickets bought in advance cost £5 per adult, £10 for families or £15 for a car containing up to four adults. To order tickets, send a cheque made payable to Rotary Club of Banbury to M Kervell, The Jasmines, Horley, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 6BD.



Castle setting: Richard Hartree chairman of Banbury Symphony Orchestra plays the French Horn outside Broughton Castle.



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**In tune:** Rotarians Roger May, Bob Dix, Geoff Wood and David Barlow with Richard Hartree, of the Banbury Symphony Orchestra.