



## GILBERT & SULLIVAN OPERA WITH DINNER



For eleven years now Grim's Dyke Opera Company has been delighting audiences with their performances of the works of Gilbert and Sullivan and are now firmly established as the only professional company performing all year round and keeping the traditional style of the Operas alive.

Whilst the company has been lucky to have the talents of Michael Raynor, Ann-Louise Straker, Gareth Jones and Jill Pert all members of the original D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, regularly appearing, new stars have emerged Patrick Dawson is a natural successor to a line of well known patter men and the undoubted talents of Silvia Clarke, Graham Stone, Trevor Fearn, Stephen Brown, and Joy Rayner all achieve acclaim from audiences.



The Company brings a freshness to the performances perhaps because they are supported by our wonderful chorus trained and conducted by Musical director Bon Henty. Whatever the reason, the operas now have a regular following and early booking is advisable, particularly for the performances of The Sorcerer

and Princess Ida which return by popular request. True to form, the entertainment will blend impeccably with the cuisine to create a breath taking evening for all true Gilbert and Sullivan fans. 2009 promises to be another very good year and I look forward to welcoming you.

Andrew Whittaker  
Director  
Grim's Dyke Opera Company

**Performance starts at 7.30pm Prompt. Concludes approx 10.30pm (depending on opera) Price £62.50 Per Adult (except New Year's Eve) see panel far right**

## MATINEE CREAM TEAS & GUIDED TOURS

This is where the Grim's Dyke really shows off its most enduring quality, its place in history. Our Matinee Cream Teas and Guided Tours are like a little slice of Victorian England, combining elegance with luxury, style with substance. Work up an appetite exploring the fabulous grounds, including the famous boating lake and rose garden then sit back and indulge in a full cream tea with finger sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, jam and Ice Cream in the finest surroundings of the Music Room. Following this you will be regaled with light-hearted musical entertainment by the Grim's Dyke Opera Company. Don't forget to bring clothes and shoes for all meteorological eventualities, the setting may be perfect but our British weather may not!



**Price: £27.00**

**Guided Tours Start at 3:00pm and last about 45 minutes, last tour at 3:20pm. Register at reception on arrival to be given your tour time. 30 people per tour (approx) Tea at 4pm. Entertainment starts at 4:45pm. Concludes approximately 5:15pm**

## GILBERT & SULLIVAN SUMMER FESTIVAL 2009

For three days the Grim's Dyke Hotel opens its doors to allow you to enjoy the wonderful grounds and Opera during the height of summer for a fun and very entertaining event. For this occasion we aim to create a more informal and affordable weekend away which allows you time to relax in our Grade 2 Star Listed award winning gardens.

The performances will take place in Gilbert's famous Music Room. These will be presented by the Grim's Dyke Opera Company. Our G&S Summer Festival is the most perfect introduction to the fabulous world of Opera at the Grim's Dyke Hotel.



During the interval you will have a full hour to enjoy the grounds or partake in a light supper. The entertainment will continue with an energetic performance from the Merry Down Morris Dancers. Our Chef will be preparing a tempting BBQ on the Terrace which overlooks the Croquet Lawn. For the Matinee performance our Chef will provide a sumptuous afternoon tea

**Thursday, August 20th: Evening performance starts at 7:15pm**  
**Friday, August 21st: Evening performance starts at 7:15pm**  
**Sunday, August 23rd: Matinee performance starts at 2:15pm**  
**Sunday, August 23rd: Evening performance starts at 7:15pm**

### Includes:

**Concert in the Music Room. Dress Code: Summer Smart**  
**Ticket Price: £25 BBQ: £15 Afternoon Tea: £9.95**

## MR. GILBERT'S G&S WEEKEND

**6th, 7th and 8th February 2009**

**An absolute must for the enthusiast**

The Grim's Dyke Opera company have put together an amazing weekend which includes:

- **Grim's Dyke Opera Company presenting a Gilbert and Sullivan Gala Concert with selections from the Operas during a sumptuous 3-course meal. Followed by a drink in the bar with the performers.**
- **Distinguished International Soprano Valerie Masterson CBE with Hilary Morgan at the piano will look at the principal roles, some of the common mistakes and offer help with improving vocal technique.**
- **The Ultimate guided tour of the house lead by Andrew Goodman barrister and author of the definitive book on Gilbert's London.**
- **Jill Pert assisted by Miss Hilary Morgan will delight us with her one woman show based on the work of Anna Russell.**
- **Bernard Lockett discussing his love of Gilbert and Sullivan and introducing you to the world of "Here's a State of Things" and back to the London of 1872.**
- **A chance to join in with the rehearsals.**
- **Grim's Dyke Opera Company presenting Princess Ida during a sumptuous 3-course meal.**
- **Professor Robin Wilson friend of Grim's Dyke and expert on the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan delighting us with a light hearted Gilbert and Sullivan Quiz.**
- **Buffet Lunch and a few farewell songs from members of the Grim's Dyke Opera Company to send you on your way.**

All of this will be accompanied by sumptuous cuisine from award winning chef Daren Mason.

This is a unique opportunity to enjoy the great music and hospitality and feel part of the performance.

**Price: £490 for the weekend based on two sharing a double room or twin room.**

**Price: £300 for the weekend based on single occupancy.**

**All prices include breakfast, lunch and dinner for two days.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MURDER MYSTERY DINNERS



The only mystery at Grim's Dyke is whodunit. A ravishing mixture of plots with twists and turns guaranteed to keep you guessing and on the edge of your chairs as you grapple with the obtuse clues and a roomful of completely innocent suspects. Who killed him, why, when and with what? After a few glasses of wine who really cares!

Grim's Dyke is the perfect setting for evenings spent unmasking the villain of the piece - you can almost see the events unfolding for real in the house's rich and varied past. Each Murder Mystery Dinner concludes with prizes for the most accurate (and most inventive) solution case closed!



### Includes:

**Reception Drink, 3 Course Dinner, Half a bottle of wine per person. Time: 7:30pm reception, Dinner at 8pm**  
**Dress code: Smart/casual. Ticket Price: £60.00 per person**

### NEW YEAR'S EVE GILBERT & SULLIVAN GALA CONCERT

Featuring a selection of songs from the Savoy Operas spiced up with further music and songs from Vienna.

Gilbert and Sullivan and New Years Eve - what a heady mixture of humour and style with which to see in the New Year! Songs and snatches from most of the Savoy Operas will be intercepted throughout a sumptuous 6 course 'Black Tie' Dinner. Later the scene changes to Vienna as the room fills to the music of Offenbach, Strauss, and of course the Champagne Toast when the clock strikes midnight.

### Includes:

**Reception Drink, Six Course Gourmet Dinner, Champagne Toast**  
**Time: 7:15pm Reception, Dinner at 8pm**  
**Concludes: 12:15am Dress Code: Black Tie Ticket Price: £125.00**



### GRIM'S DYKE ANNUAL OPEN DAY



This is a wonderful opportunity to explore Grim's Dyke and discover all it has to offer. It's a place where history, music, arts, entertainment and sheer style all come together under one magnificent Norman Shaw, Grade 2 Star Listed roof!

Our Open days have become a real tradition as more and more people are finding out that Grim's Dyke Hotel is so much more than just a hotel. Bring your friends and family along and enjoy the Grim's Dyke Hotel Annual Open Day.

- Guided Tours
- Children's Magic Shows
- Children's Garden Games
- The Grim's Dyke Brass Band
- Pony Rides
- Gardeners Surgery
- Culinary Demonstrations
- Face Painting
- Morris Dancers
- Fire Engine
- BBQ & Cream Teas
- Stalls - Arts, Crafts, Organic Local Produce, Jewelry, Music, Greeting Cards, Wine, Cheese and lots more.....

Contact the Grim's Dyke Hotel at [functions@grimsdyke.com](mailto:functions@grimsdyke.com) if you are a sole trader and have interesting merchandise you wish to sell.

**Admission: £1.00**