



Land of hope and glory!

Crowds enjoy Fylde Sinfonia's last night of the Proms in 2006 and (inset) conductor Peter Buckley, who has promised next week's audience a patriotic concert

PATRIOTIC St George's day celebrations will go out with a bang on Sunday when Last Night of the Proms is staged at Lowther Pavilion.

Sentimental classics such as Rule Britannia, Jerusalem, Colonel Bogey, and Land of Hope and Glory are set to delight audiences.

The musical production comes after the Rotary Club of Lytham have teamed up with Fylde Sinfonia Orchestra. The soloist is baritone Michael Hall.

There will be also be a tribute to each of the armed forces. The orchestra is made up of amateur players living in the Fylde area who have been performing concerts for more than 30 years.

The story of amateur orchestral playing in Lytham St Annes dates back to 1961 when the late Harry Wrigley formed a string orchestra.

This was quickly expanded to include woodwind and brass sections, thus enabling a more varied programme to be performed at its annual concert.

The orchestra also accompanied the Lytham Vocal Society for their two annual concerts at Lowther Pavilion in Lytham and soon the combined group became known as the Lytham St Annes Vocal and Orchestral Society.

Conductor Peter Buckley, who replaced the long-standing John Simpson in 2004, said that concert-goers could look forward to a powerful, patriotic performance.

He said: "As you would expect there is a lot of English music so we're hoping for a big climactic ending with lots of flag waving."

"It is something we have been doing for a number of years now for Lytham Rotary - it's for a good cause and we put on a good show."

Last Night of the Proms will be held at Lowther Pavilion at 7.30pm on Sunday April 25. Tickets are £15 for adults, £12 for seniors and £10 for children.

Money raised will go to good causes.

To buy call the Lowther Pavilion box office on (01253) 6,58666.