

DayTime

CONCERT

Music made for children

Children's toys and games will be the theme as the musicians of Fylde Sinfonia have a double date at St Annes' Church Road Methodist Church on Saturday – and are hoping to boost the funds of a Fylde school, as well as provide a feast of summer entertainment for all ages.

Ahead of a more formal evening concert starting at 7.30pm, a matinee performance at 4pm will be primarily aimed at children who would not normally have the opportunity to hear a live orchestra playing.

The hour-long programme will consist of *The Teddy Bear's Picnic*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, as made famous by Mickey Mouse in *Fantasia* and *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by former head of Ansdell Primary School, Richard Redcliffe.

Admission to the children's matinee concert is free, but a collection will be taken, with every penny raised will going to Pear Tree Special School in Kirkham.

Fylde Sinfonia director Peter Buckley said: "We are

hoping that Molly Crowth, a Pear Tree pupil who passed her Grade 4 piano exam last year, will also play piano at the end of the concert and the aim is to raise as much as possible for Molly and her classmates. Children in the audience are also encouraged to come in fancy dress as a children's story character and bring their favourite Teddy Bear."

The evening concert will also feature a full programme of music inspired by children's toys and stories, including *Teddy Bear's Picnic*, *Jeux d'enfants*, Debussy's *Cakewalk*, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Dolly Suite* and *Peter and the Wolf*, again narrated by Richard Redcliffe.

The evening will also feature a special performance by teenage percussionist Elliott Gaston-Ross, the Kirkham Grammar School student who lives in Ansdell and who was a finalist of this year's BBC Young Musician of the Year competition. Elliott will be performing two solo pieces for marimba.

Tickets for the evening concert are £6 for adults (free for under 16s) and are available on the door.



Fylde Sinfonia conductor Peter Buckley