**ANNE BOLEYN**

At the end of March, Abbotsbury Church will be welcoming its first visit from Red Earth Opera with a rendition of Donizetti’s Anna Bolena. This was one of Donizetti’s four operas dealing with aspects of Tudor history and it was so well received that afterwards his former tutor felt able to call him “Maestro.”

The performance, which will be in English at Abbotsbury Church on 29th March, will be the world premiere of this particular translation, and was written especially for Red Earth Opera by its musical director Jane Anderson-Brown. Jane founded Red Earth Opera (reg charity 1144469) as a project company some ten or so years ago in the South Devon area.

Since that time, Red Earth Opera has become known as a highly respected operatic group which has grown from a small collection of keen musicians to an extremely popular and very competent company. It is able to showcase young professional soloists who are backed by a vibrant chorus and extremely competent orchestra, whilst allowing audiences to hear music of a very high quality at affordable prices. Soloists and musicians travel from a wide area, from Wales, from London and the Home Counties, Cornwall and Devon.

Red Earth Opera has presented several full operas, as well as concerts featuring popular operatic excerpts, nearly always in English. They have performed throughout much of South Devon and in the Exeter district. Recent works have included Purcell’s Dido and Aeneas, and Bellini’s The Capulets and the Montagues (sung in English) as well as gala concerts of well-known and less well-known opera pieces. Audiences have expressed such sentiments as “I didn’t realise opera could be so much fun.”

So come and enjoy a Night at the Opera in your own locality, without having to travel far. Beautiful music, excellent singing, a full orchestra, and a comfortable venue. What could be better?

**Tickets are £18/15 available at the door or at ticketsource.co.uk/southdevonsingers or at 07790889709.**

**Performances start at 7.30 at Abbotsbury Church on Saturday 29th March and at Chudleigh Church on Sunday 30th March**

