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 Set Construction David Beale
 Richard Woodcock
 And Painting Joyce Woodcock
 Pauline Woolfenden
 Lighting Michael Stockdale
 Costume Rachel Cosgrove
 Anne Cartmell
 Make-up and hair Barbara Mitchell
 Props & Stage Manager Pat Shaw
 Prompt Anne Cartmell
 Refreshments Anne Parry

"Country Voices" was commissioned and first produced by York Theatre Royal and further developed and toured by NTC Touring Theatre.



Caldbeck Players

present



COUNTRY VOICES

by

Stewart Howson

in

Caldbeck Parish Hall

Monday 24th April 2006 (white)

Tuesday 25th April 2006 (pink)

Wednesday 26th April 2006 (blue)

at 7.30pm

Tickets £4.50 Senior Citizens & children £3.00

Country Voices

A celebration of country life in northern England in the early years of the 20th century.

Act 1

The Family
 The Hiring Fair
 Ted's Story
 Mother's Story
 The Mummers

Act 2

The Trenches
 The Family
 Violet's Story
 Ted's Return
 Dad's Story

Mumming

Up until the outbreak of the First World War mumming was a traditional ceremony performed at farms and "big houses" around Christmas and New Year. The performers were ordinary people in rudimentary disguises who had neither stage nor scenery, performing in kitchens, the halls of large houses or the open air. The style of performance was ritualistic rather than realistic with a recurring theme of death and rebirth. A visit by the local mummers was eagerly awaited, its purpose being to ensure good luck and prosperity for the coming year.

Music by

The Reunion Band

Peter Crofts - violin
 Ian Dunmur - melodeon
 Christine Crofts - guitar
 Ailsa Dunmur - percussion
 Sally Hardacre - flute

The Actors

Bob Whitson

Father
 Bob (Farmhand at hiring)
 Policeman
 The Pig
 Bert (Old farmhand)
 Hoystin (Irish Haytime Hand)
 Turkish Knight in Mummers Play
 Violet's employer
 A statue at 'The Hall'
 The Major
 Old Gardener

Jennifer Collard

Mother
 Farmhand at Hiring
 Woman against 'The Hirings'
 Doctor in Mummers Play
 Violet's employer
 Dordie (a ploughboy)

Richard Woodcock

Ted
 'The Betsy' in Mummers Play
 Cook
 A statue at 'The Hall'
 Precious the Monkey
 Badger (a horse)

Claire Hurst

Violet
 Farmhand at Hiring
 St George in Mummers Play

Ken Woolfenden

Thoddy (Farmhand at Hiring)
 Watch seller
 Farmer
 Sid (Farmworker)
 Doctor
 Gentleman rambler
 Captain
 Cockney soldier
 Butler
 Ploughman
 Undertaker

Pauline Woolfenden

Betty (Woman at Hiring)
 Policeman
 Gladys
 Housemaid
 Enid (a Between maid)
 Rosie (a horse)
 Chemist

Direction and choreography by
 Ken Woolfenden