



HOW  
STEEPLE SINDERBY

WANDERERS WON



THE F.A. CUP



by **J.L. Carr**  
dramatised by Brian Wright

**Wed 14 - Sat 17 April 7.30 pm**

(2.30 p.m. Saturday Matinee)

**Main Hall, Maidwell Building**  
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**The inhabitants of Steeple Sinderby, a small and insignificant village somewhere in the East Midlands, have gathered together in the Methodist Memorial Hall to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their momentous achievement...**

With the help of Old Gidner and a little hindrance from the formidable Miss Billison, they relive 'that golden glory year'. They bring to life a lost world, before money and television ruled the beautiful game, and a community of memorable characters, whose personal stories unfold as the village team grows in strength, skill and conviction:

Chairman Arthur Fangfoss ('born with his mind made up') and his two wives ('one legal - for show, the other illegal -for pleasure'), Ginchy Trigger, the local cub reporter with a taste for purple prose, Sid Swift, the shooting star, Maisie Twemlow and her gang of teenage tearaways, the Rev. Giles Montagu M.A. and his unstoppable sister Biddy, and of course the remarkable Dr. Kossuth, exiled from Hungary in 1956, who with his unconventional theories transforms the village school and the Wanderers.

**J.L. Carr** (1912 -1994) was born and grew up in Yorkshire, but in 1951 moved to Kettering, Northamptonshire, as headmaster of Highfields Primary School and then full-time writer and founder of his own publishing house The Quince Tree Press.

His fifth novel **A Month in the Country** was nominated for the Booker Prize, won the Guardian Fiction Prize and was made into a film starring Kenneth Branagh, Colin Firth and Natasha Richardson. **How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won The F.A. Cup**, the fourth of his eight novels, was published in 1975. In 1996, by kind permission of his son Robert Carr, it was dramatised by Brian Wright for performance by the Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire.

This revised version has been created specifically for Masque Youth Theatre.

With a talented cast of nearly sixty (borrowing a few senior members from Masque Theatre), rousing football songs with lyrics you've not heard before (Musical Director Kay Warcaba), exuberant dances choreographed by Martin J. Parker (I.D.T.A.), this is the ultimate feel-good fairytale for our troubled times.