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**Susan Baker**

Born in Gloucestershire. Studied violin and piano at the Royal College of Music. Joined the Barrow Poets in the early pioneering days and in 1960 became organiser for the group. Married to William Bealby-Wright and has two children. In addition to violin, plays mandolin and Irish harp.

Born in the Himalayas. Trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama, and subsequently joined the staff there. Made her West End debut in Dorothy Sayers' *The Emperor Constantine*. Married to Peter Kay, who lectures in music at the New College of Speech and Drama. Two children.

**Heather Black**

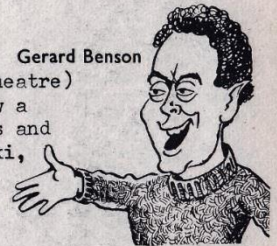


**William Bealby-Wright**

Born in the Isle of Man, the only son of actor parents. Studied painting at the Ruskin School of Fine Art, Oxford, and spent six years as a painter in London and Paris, exhibiting under the name of Cosnahan. Married Susan Baker in 1958. Has appeared independently as a verse speaker on radio, television and at the Royal Court.

Born in London. Worked in the theatre (including The Century Theatre) for several years and made numerous television appearances. Now a full-time lecturer at the Central School, and has published poems and exhibited paintings at the RBA. Married to pianist Judith Ososki, and they have two children.

**Gerard Benson**



**Jim Parker**

Born in Hartlepool. Worked as accountant's clerk for two years, then joined Band of the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards. Gained scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music. Played as full-time member of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and has since played with BBC Symphony Orchestra and London Philharmonic.





The Barrow Poets entertain. They believe that poetry is written not only to be appreciated in the silence and privacy of the home, but also to be enjoyed in the company of others. Their lively performances of poetry and music (provided by such odd instruments as the kazoo, glockenspiel, bass cacofiddle and muscle-in) are heard in pubs, in festivals, theatres, concert halls, colleges and schools throughout the country. Music and poetry have been specially written for the group, and poems are commissioned from well-known writers.

The Barrow Poets have recently toured the United States for the first time; and following their weekly series of pub shows at the Sir Christopher Wren in London during the summer, and appearances at the Bath and York Festivals, they are due to return to the USA for an extended tour in the autumn.

The group's most recent records are the LP Folk Rhymes, Tunes, Verses (Fontana STL 5479, stereo and mono, released November 1968), and the single Letter in a Bottle (Fontana TF 939, released June 1968).