



Wakefield Gilbert & Sullivan Society



NEWSLETTER

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Well here we are on stage again in the theatre royal with 'Sorcerer'! Hope everyone is enjoying the week! Remember that big smile on stage! It seems to be going well so far, and the pyrotechnics looks amazing – especially the tea-pot!!

Thanks must go to our Chairman this week, who has never stopped! He has built his own mansion, paved the patio, put gravel down, painted steps, grown old (thanks to Bobbie) and still managed to say all the right things at the right time (and I don't just mean his lines!!!) whilst still travelling to Hull every day!

Social Committee

The Social Committee are busy at the moment arranging some events for the summer period. There is a Barbecue on Saturday 30th July at Tony and Beryl's, 80, Aberford Road, Stanley. Details will follow nearer the time, but please put this date in your diary.

Other events in the pipeline are:-

- Ten-pin bowling in May which will be either at Xscape or Wakefield Superbowl.
- Kinsley Greyhound Racing during June.

If you have any more ideas for a social event, please shout up and contact Gill Cunliffe on 01924 377395 or gillcunliffe@hotmail.co.uk



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Rehearsal Venue

During this year the committee have been looking at our budget and expenditure, which we always do, as in this economic climate we need to cut our cloth! The committee have negotiated with **Sandal Methodist Church** regarding a new rehearsal venue.

At Sandal, there are several rooms that will be available for the Society to use, and each has its own piano which we can utilise. The Committee has agreed a fixed price for the year's rehearsals starting from September and this will mean a great saving in rehearsal venue costs (around £900 in the year). The payment will consist of 2 advance staged payments to co-incide with the 2 part subscription payment (one in September and one in February) which will help with budgeting in future years - providing everyone pays their subscriptions on time! We will also be able to supply tea and coffee for our half-time break which will involve a small fee (a light one!).

If we need rehearsals during the summer (from now until September), Sandal Methodist Church have offered us a reduced rate for this period.

As I am sure that you have read in the Wakefield Express recently, the Sports Club is being sold in the next 2 years for development land – so perhaps it is a good time to leave without having to pay extortionate rates because we have to find somewhere to rehearse!

Costume Hire

Our stock of costumes and accessories is a very profitable asset! Just to let you know how often they have been hired this year!

This year we have hired costumes to Jorvik G & S in September 2010, Poppleton Players (York) and Opera Teifi (Cardigan, Wales) in November and Houghton Players G & S (Southport) in March 2011.

The Mikado costumes are due to go out again in a couple of weeks time to Eastbourne G & S and we have had an enquiry about fan hire by the Isle of Wight Savoyards – so all in all a good investment! The costume store is working well – not seen my mother in every kimono yet! But you never know!!!



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Show 2012

The selection of the show for 2012 is dependent on the Society's financial situation after this year's show. For some time now, the Society has decided on the shows 3 years in advance allowing the committee to plan ahead and budget accordingly; but due to the demise of our main sponsor, our finances are a little in limbo, until we have the figures from the theatre royal for this week. Ruddigore has been advertised in the programme as the 2012 show, but this may have to change - the 3-year plan included HMS Pinafore as 2013 show. The committee will keep you informed and up to date with all decisions as soon as we have all the information available. If you have any thoughts about future shows, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon, or any of the committee.

Auditions

The Committee have decided to hold auditions for our next show a little earlier than in recent years. These will hopefully be in July so that we have little more time to sort out any parts that are not cast, to enable the Society to present the best possible show for our paying audience.

AGM and Committee

The AGM will be held sometime after our year-end (May 31st), so if any of our members would like to come on to committee, feel free. If you would like to take a more active part in the running of the Society and see what it takes to organise a show, you will be made most welcome! The committee are a very friendly bunch, and meet once a month usually on a Monday evening. We rotate the venue around the member's houses, so you don't have to supply tea and coffee too often! When the official paperwork comes out for the AGM, please let Jane know if you would like to volunteer!



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Joint Concert in September

This will not be happening this year, due to Batley G & S (they were the driving force behind this venture) having to re-arrange their show dates due to their normal venue being flooded! Further discussion will be held by representatives of all the societies at some point in the future, but nothing organised at present.

West Bretton Concert

The Society has been asked to perform on Sunday 4th September from 3pm to 5pm in the church in West Bretton. A programme is in the process of being organised, but if you have any suggestions or would like to perform a certain piece of music, please let Jane know. Rehearsals for this concert have yet to be arranged, but you will be notified as soon as possible.

Website - www.wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk

Keep checking the website it has a lot of useful information on there and it will keep you informed of events that are happening! If anybody has any suggestions about the website, please contact Amy Downes who will be delighted to talk about any changes to the website! She can be contacted on publicity@wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk or by telephone on 01924 223373

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