

SPRING 2012 **NEWSLETTER**



HMS Pinafore

All hands on deck!

The Wakefield Sea Cadets are adding a bit of youth to the production and they seem to be enjoying it! Here's a concise synopsis of the plot without giving too much away! The crew includes Captain Corcoran, his daughter Josephine, and Ralph, the lowly sailor whom she secretly loves. Little Buttercup sells trinkets to the sailors but what is her closely guarded secret? Sir Joseph Porter, the haughty First Lord of the Admiralty arrives with his crowd of admiring sisters, cousins and aunts. How will Josephine escape his amorous attentions? Meanwhile, Dick Deadeye delights in stirring up trouble for everyone. Gilbert's famous comedy combines these characters with some of Sullivan's most popular songs including "A British Tar". Wakefield Sea Cadets add extra authenticity with semaphore and whistling. HMS Pinafore is a firm favourite for all the family; a ship-shape show perfect for a Mother's Day treat, so set sail to a performance!

Dates as follows:-

Wakefield Theatre Royal – Wednesday 14th March to Saturday 17th March 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm

Aulis Hall (Wakefield Riding for the Disabled Association) – Friday 23rd March 7pm

The Whitfield Centre (the Society for the Blind of Dewsbury, Batley and District) – Saturday 24th March 7pm

Social Events

On Tuesday 15th May, 20 members of the Society are going to see Opera North perform Carousel at Leeds Grand.

A Treasure Hunt is to be arranged by Martin for sometime in June, so please watch this space. This will be a walking treasure hunt – so there will be no falling out whilst driving! For those of you who couldn't get enough of Beetle at Christmas, Jenny will be arranging a Beetle Drive and Pie and pea supper at Sandal Cricket Club in July. Again watch this space for more details!

Concerts

West Bretton Church has again asked the Society to perform on Sunday 2nd September from 3pm to 5pm and your committee has agreed to this. A sub-committee has been formed for the summer/autumn concert season, composed of Maggie Lowe, Barbara Nash and Martin Whitaker. If you have any suggestions for the concert season, please feel free to inform one of the above.

There is a possibility that the Dr Jackson Cancer Charity will be looking to secure the Society this season as well. Details will be available after discussion by the committee.

Costume Hire

Recently your Chairman and Secretary carried out some cold emailing to societies around the UK that were due to perform 'The Mikado' this year. This has yielded the following:-

- Horsham Operatic Society is to hire 34 Mikado costumes (April).
- West Wickham Operatic Society is to hire 28 Mikado costumes (Aug with a night at the Buxton festival).
- Uplands Arts, Swansea is to hire 41 Mikado costumes (Sept).

Deposit cheques have been received from all three societies.
This will add approximately £1500 to the bank account over the next 2 financial years, and hopefully there will be future hires!

Shop Online and Raise Money for Wakefield Gilbert and Sullivan Society!

We've joined forces with www.easyfundraising.org.uk. It's the easiest way to help raise money for Wakefield Gilbert and Sullivan Society! If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, Vodafone, eBay, Boden and Play.com, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

So how does it work?

You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wakefieldgss> for free and use the links on the Easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself.

How much can you raise?

Spend £100 with M&S online or Amazon and you raise £2.50 for us. £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket and so on. There are over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

Save money too!

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All you need to do is register, then each time you shop online, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk first and click on a link to the retailer you want."

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 forthcoming events.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Amy Downes at rehearsal, at publicity@wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk or on 01924 223373

If you have an email address, please either send an email to the Secretary on secretary@wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk or go to the Newsletter page on the website and sign up to receive this Newsletter by email and we will add you to the list. Alternatively, you can contact the Secretary using the details on the front page. If you no longer want to receive this newsletter, again please inform the Secretary.

Regards

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