

Wakefield Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Spring 2017 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone and welcome to another Newsletter. Well, it's April already and Easter is almost upon us. How lovely to see some sunshine at last and all the beautiful Spring flowers.

Pirates of Penzance

As you all know, following a large financial loss on our main production in 2016, we decided to change our format and to stage a much smaller production of "Pirates of Penzance" at Sandal Methodist Church for two nights only. This took place on 17th and 18th March and, I am pleased to say, was a great success.

Martin Whittaker, our Musical Director, wielded the baton with panache and Bobbie Greatorex impressed us all as Producer, making the rehearsals such fun and adding some super touches to the production. Our faithful Norman at the piano also did us proud. All the cast had a great time and the feedback from the audience was that it was a very enjoyable and professional show with a great atmosphere. We even had to put in extra seating on the Saturday!

So...we didn't have the big stage, or the orchestra, or the professional sets.... but we were singing together again and that's the main thing. And better to have two nights full than five nights half-full or less.

The show paid for itself, so our finances are very healthy with members' subscriptions and patrons' fees not being touched. The sum of £301.45, made from refreshments and the raffle, was given to Sandal Methodist Church Community Fund.

A big thank you must go to all the cast, to Martin, Bobbie and Norman, and to all those friends who helped behind the scenes and front of house. Thank you also to Jane and Gordon who, as always, do so much for the Society.

So Wakefield G & S lives to fight another day and I (and I'm sure I speak for everyone) am delighted.

Forthcoming concerts

22nd April at King's Way Church, Ossett – 7 pm

The Church would like us to use the second entrance for parking. We can block each other in if spaces are tight. Please use the entrance door to the right of the Church. The dressing room is the lounge which is on the left as you go in. We will be performing in the Church accessed from the lounge by two entrances. There will be no charge for tickets, but there will be a retiring collection for Playground, the Mother and Baby Unit at New Hall Women's prison.

6th May at Horbury Methodist Church – 7 pm

Men, please wear dinner jackets with white shirts and black bowties. Ladies, long black skirts or trousers and white blouses, or long black dress with white accessories.

Further rehearsals are on 11th, 18th and 25th April. Please make every effort to attend these.

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The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th July at Sandal Methodist Church. Further details will be sent out by Jane nearer the time. Please put this date in your diaries and make every effort to attend, or give your apologies to Jane.

2018 show

In order that the Committee can decide on which show we will perform next year, it is important that they have some idea of who will be taking part. So please let Jane know as soon as possible whether you intend being in our 2018 production.

Costume Hire

Our costumes, fans and wigs still seem to be popular this year and are bringing in much-needed funds to support the Society. The Mikado costumes have just come back from Dore G&S and will be turned round quickly to be delivered to Eastbourne over Easter. The policemen's costumes have just returned from Bristol University.

Patrons and VPs

We are always in need of more Patrons and VPs. Please contact Jenny Grove, our Patrons Secretary for information.

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

This is such an easy way of raising extra funds for the Society. Please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. The Society has 12 members so far, but we could do with lots more. Thank you to all who have already signed up and to those who are still unsure, please ask about it and see how easy it is.

Website – www.wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk

Please keep checking the website regularly for lots of useful information and to keep informed of forthcoming events. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jane Fawcett at secretary@wakefieldgilbertandsullivan.org.uk.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE SOCIETY AND OUR PRODUCTIONS

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.

That just leaves me to wish you all a very happy Easter.

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