

Newsletter

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FROM THE 'HON. SEC.'

In view of all the information that needs to be reported in this letter, I reserve my opening comments to welcome several new members to the Society this season. They all seem to have settled in very well, and probably feel they have already been with us for years!

SUMMARY OF RECENT EVENTS

As ever, the Society has been very busy since the last Newsletter.

There have been three 'Concert Version Gondoliers'. The first was on June 22nd at Broadland High School which, though not as well attended as had been hoped, raised £167.00 towards the new stage curtains.

The second concert, in aid of 'Barnados' at The Maddermarket on 1st July raised £385.00

The final 'Concert Gondoliers' rendering was on 3rd November in the Masonic Hall, Norwich which realised £219. We were indebted on this last occasion to Ian Terry who stepped in to sing the Duke of Plaza Toro, and Beverley McInnes who sang Gianetta.

The trip to London to see 'Miss Saigon' was very successful and I think it is fair to say, enjoyed by all. Thanks To Jane Mack for organising the outing.

Wet weather did not dampen the spirits too much for the Bar-B-Q in July (only the cooks!), as the rest of us 'retreated' indoors, complete with bales of straw, to the 'tack room'. Thanks again to our hosts, Jane and Chris Mack.

The A.G.M. in July was well attended. It was here that Ron Hillman 'officially' stepped down as treasurer after some twelve years in office. This position has been taken on by Peter Coward. Ron remains on the committee. The two new committee members to replace Robin Baines and Hilda Dickerson are Linda Markham and Barrie Marshall.

During the 30th October rehearsal evening, our Chairman, David Thompson, presented Ron with a framed set of G & S Cigarette Cards in recognition of his services to the Society as Treasurer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Beverley and John McInnes on the birth of their first child, a son, John Reid IV, in early September.

H.M.S. PINAFORE

1st-6th April, 1991

Following auditions the cast for 'Pinafore' will be as follows:-

Sir Joseph Porter..... David Ivins
Captain Corcoran Peter Winter
Ralph Rackstraw..... Alan Willoughby
Dick Deadeye..... Harry Headden
Bosun..... John Clack
Bob Becket..... Ernie Good
Josephine..... Jane Mack
Hebe Karen Wright
Buttercup..... Pam Warren

BOOKING

The Booking Office for members and VPs will open on Monday, February 11th and for the general public on Monday, 18th February. Telephone bookings to: Norwich (Sheila Tuffield) and Norwich (Hilda Dickerson).

LONDON TRIP - LES MISERABLES

Sheila Tuffield has taken on the responsibility for organising theatre trips to London, and the suggestion that trips might be arranged to see Shows already visited by the Society has proved a popular idea, with the fifty seats obtained to see Les Miserables for March 9th, 1991, having already been sold. In the event of any cancellations, please let Sheila know if you would be interested in being put onto a 'reserve' list.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets are now available for the Christmas Party on Saturday 22nd December at Wensum Lodge commencing 7.30 p.m. The cost is £4.50 per person and tickets are obtainable from Sheila Tuffield. Please make cheques payable to East Norfolk Amateur Operatic Society.

CAROL SINGING

There will be two carol singing sessions this year. The first at Wroxham Barns on Sunday 16th December from 2.00 p.m. Further details from Barrie Marshall on St. Benets

The second session will be on Thursday 20th December, starting from Wroxham Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. This year we will be accompanied by 'Father Christmas' on a 'fairy lit' trailer and collecting money with assistance of the Round Table for a cause to be decided.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

We have been invited to sing 'G & S For All' on Sunday 10th March with Donald Adams, Thomas Round et al, at the Wellington Pier, Great Yarmouth, assisted by the chorus of Great Yarmouth G & S Society.

Other 'G & S For All' dates are Sunday 14th July - St. Andrews Hall, Norwich, and Sunday 28th July - Cromer Pier.

We will be singing a concert version of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' in the Inner Hall of Taverham Hall School on Saturday 16th March.

CALENDAR 1990-91

- December 16th
Carol Singing - Wroxham Barns
- December 18th
'Beanfeast' from 9 p.m.
- December 20th
Carol Singing around Wroxham & Hoveton. Setting off 6.30 p.m.
- December 22nd
Christmas Party - Wensum Lodge
- January 8th
Rehearsals re-commence
- February 11th
Box Office Opens for members and VPs
- February 18th
Box Office Opens to Public
- March 9th
London Trip - Les Miserables
- March 10th
G & S For All - Wellington Pier
- March 16th
Concert 'Pinafore' - Taverham Hall
- April 1st-6th
H.M.S. Pinafore
- July 14th
G & S For All - St. Andrews Hall, Norwich
- July 28th
G & S For All - Cromer Pier

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: David Kett
Chairman..... David Thompson
Hon. Secretary..... Jenny Butlin
Hon. Treasurer..... Peter Coward
Hon. Business Manager Sheila Tuffield
Hon. Stage Manager..... David Paternoster

Ron Hillman Barrie Marshall
Jane Mack Janet Scott
Linda Markham John Weeks