

Newsletter

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THE 'CHAIRMAN' WRITES...

Jenny tells me that it's time for another newsletter and what do I want to say!

My apologies for being absent at so many 'Pinafore' rehearsals but I did explain to the committee that I had problems and I'm afraid they were worse than anticipated!

A warm welcome to all our new members, particularly to Alan Willoughby for stepping into the shoes of Ralph Rackstraw at short notice. I think by now I have had a chance to have a word with you all.

I'm sure that we can all look forward to an excellent show and remember - we want you to sell tickets to all your friends.

David Thompson

...AND THE PRODUCER

May I say how splendid it is to see so many members both new and not so new joining in the fun of H.M.S. Pinafore. It is very gratifying standing at the front of rehearsals and feeling the enthusiasm for the operetta coming over. Please keep it up - we have a long way to go and only a few rehearsals left, but I'm confident we have the makings of an absolutely super production, one that will give our audiences something to remember!

For rehearsals the whole week before the show we have use of the Broadland High School Hall. All things being equal we should be actually on stage with some scenery all week. The rehearsal schedule will be published shortly.

Trevor Thurston

HON. SEC.

Following Whitbread's decision to withdraw their sponsorship, the Society now have a new sponsor in 'Roys of Wroxham'.

We are very pleased with this new arrangement and grateful to 'Roys' for their commitment to the Society.

Wearing my 'Publicity' hat, could I reiterate the message from David that you let it be known that 'Pinafore' is happening!

Handbills are available now with full details and booking form. Please do your part in helping with their distribution amongst friends and work colleagues.

Posters and Car Stickers will be distributed in another week or two. They tend to lose their impact if displayed for too long. Please take the posters you can get displayed and let me know where they will be located to ensure a good distribution in the area.

Jenny Butlin

H.M.S. PINAFORE

BOOKING

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

All Hands on Deck!

If you are not yet involved in 'Pinafore' this year and would like to be in some way - a job can always be found for you! Please contact David Thompson as Front of House Manager, Tel: Norwich or any member of the committee to offer your services.

SUMMARY OF RECENT EVENTS

Carol Singing On Sunday afternoon, 16th December, about twenty of us gathered to sing carols at Wroxham Barns. The two hour singing session raised £100.00 which has been donated to the Great Yarmouth Children's Hospice.

On Thursday evening, 20th December, in conjunction with Wroxham Round Table, a few brave souls gathered to sing carols on a decorated trailer which toured Wroxham and Hoveton. We collected a total of £164.00. This was shared 50-50 with Wroxham Round Table. Our 'share' is to be donated to 'The John Grant Special School' in Caister, and will go towards the cost of new playground equipment. Thanks to Robin Baines for organising the evening. Christmas Party Once again the Christmas Party at Wensum Lodge proved to be a very enjoyable evening. The food was superb and we are indebted our 'in-house' caterers for all their hard work. Following the cancellation of the arranged cabaret due to illness, the 'Ad Hoc' East Norfolk Entertainers called on from all corners of Norwich at short notice, were an excellent substitute.

LONDON TRIP - LES MISERABLES

The coach will leave Old Catton Middle School, where cars can be parked for the day, at 10.00 a.m. The show is at the Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue and commences at 2.30 p.m. It is due to finish at approx. 5.45 p.m.

The coach will depart from the Embankment for the return journey at 8.00 p.m.

The coach fare is £5.00 per head and is payable now to Sheila Tuffield.

At the time of writing two tickets for the show have become available. If you would like them ring Sheila on Norwich

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

We will be singing 'G & S For All' on Sunday 10th March with Donald Adams, Thomas Round et al, at the Wellington Pier Theatre, Great Yarmouth, assisted by the Chorus of Great Yarmouth G & S Society. There will be a 'rehearsal' on the afternoon of the performance at 4.30 p.m. We will be singing Programme 1 (as for Cromer Pier 1990). Schedules and scores of the programme are now available.

The concert version of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' in the Inner Hall of Taverham Hall School will take place on Saturday 16th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets for non-singers, priced £5.00, to include a buffet are available from your 'Hon. Sec.'

Other 'G & S For All' dates are Sunday 14th July - St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, and Sunday 4th August - Cromer Pier. Please note the change of date for the Cromer Pier Concert since the last newsletter.

CALENDAR 1991

- 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. Andrew's Hall, Norwich
- August 4th
G & S For All - Cromer Pier

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