

Newsletter

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Winter 1992

THE CHAIRMAN WRITES...

It's all change!

The dramatic decision that your committee made to leave the Broadland High School was both sad and exciting. Sad to leave our home of nearly 20 years but exciting when we consider the much better facilities at Sprowston. You all know what the advantages are so make sure you spread the word now and help to make sure we play to capacity audiences.

We are moving our workshop/studio to Robin Lee's farm at Panxworth - a really superb barn offering excellent facilities and our thanks go to Robin for his co-operation.

Thanks are due to Gary Scott, Headmaster of Broadland High School and to Robin Baines and Trafford Estates for their co-operation in the past.

The list of Principals for Iolanthe is included in this newsletter and our thanks go to David Kett for standing in for Dennis during auditions.

Thanks also to all those who made a special effort for their auditions - particularly those who did not get a part.

It's all thanks!

To Peter Winter for his industry over the four weeks when Dennis was away. His insistence on 'starting on time' is something we should all take on board and if we do, then everyone will benefit. We wish Peter a speedy recovery and return to us after his 'op'.

Thanks are also due to Cecily Grant for playing for us.

Ken Davis is not at all well and we all wish him a speedy recovery. He is not able to be with us for 'Tops & Tails' and we are grateful to Ian Terry 'stepping in' to help us out at short notice.

Speaking of 'Tops & Tails' - The Maddermarket is booked from 2.30 p.m. on Sunday November 8th and there will be an afternoon rehearsal - final details later. I have tickets available at £8.50 each. This includes wine and/or soft drinks before the show, during the interval and after the show when there will be a 'good' buffet.

I think I've gone on long enough!

Good luck with Iolanthe.

David Thompson

...AND THE PRODUCER

So we're on the move! I for one look forward to the challenges that now face us for although there are a few drawbacks, stage-

wise, the overall facilities give us a much wider scope for our productions. We intend to extend the stage by four feet, as at Hoveton and by use of flats and an entrance down stage each side - thus making side entries/exits to enhance our movement. One word of warning to all - the wider hall and availability of the balcony means we play at wider angles than hitherto.

'Iolanthe' should be an exhilarating show for both cast and audience alike - I look forward to working on it in January.

Trevor Thurston

PRINCIPALS FOR IOLANTHE

The Lord Chancellor	David Rees
Earl of Mountararat	John Clack
Earl Tolloller	Alan Willoughby
Private Willis	Ron Lyons
Strephon	David Ivins
Queen of the Fairies	Pam Warren
Iolanthe	Beverley McInnes
Celia	Jane Mack
Leila	Gina McInnes
Fleta	Sue Butcher
Phyllis	Karen Wright

BOOKING

The Box Office for members and VPs will open on Monday 15th February and for the general public on Monday, 22nd February.

LOCAL PRODUCTION

South Norfolk Amateur Operatic Society present 'Ruddigore' - 18th-21st November, at Wymondham High School.

If sufficient numbers are interested a Party Booking of 20+ entitles us to a £1.50 reduction on the price of each ticket.

If you are interested in attending on the opening night (Wednesday) please let Sheila know a.s.a.p. Tel: Norwich

If you wish to make your own arrangements ticket information is on Wymondham

LONDON TRIP

Sheila Tuffield is going to 'try again' for a block booking to see 'Phantom' during March. Failing this, a number of people have expressed an interest in seeing 'Miss Saigon', either for the first time or as a repeat visit. If anyone knows of any significant Saturday dates in March that should be avoided would they please inform Sheila.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party is on Saturday 12th December at Wensum Lodge. Tickets, £5.00 are available from Sheila Tuffield.

The 'Ad Hoc' entertainment will once again be provided by our own members. If you would like to do a 'turn' please let Karen Wright know.

This is always a pleasant evening, with excellent food and wonderful company! If you have never attended the party before make it a date this year!

RECENT EVENTS

Since the Show Week there have been three successful concert versions of 'Trial' and 'The Sorcerer'. Firstly in aid of St. Edmund's Church at Old Costessey performed in St. Helen's Church, New Costessey. Secondly at Wells during their Carnival Week in August and lastly, in September in aid of Horning Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. at Horning Village Hall.

CALENDAR 1992/3

- **November 8th**
'Tops & Tails' at The Maddermarket
- **December 12th**
Christmas Party - Wensum Lodge
- **December 15th**
'Beanfeast' after rehearsals
- **January 4th**
Principal Rehearsal (Monday)
- **January 5th**
Chorus Rehearsals re-commence
- **February 15th**
Box Office opens for members and VPs
- **April 13th - 17th**
Show Week
- **May 29th**
'Trial by Jury' for 'The Law Society' - St. Andrew's or Blackfriars Hall

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 John Regan

Ken Davis Barrie Marshall
Hilda Dickerson John Woodrow
Jane Mack Karen Wright
Co-opted - Janet Barley