

Newsletter

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OUR CHAIRMAN WRITES...

After months of speculation as to whether our move to 'Sprowston' would work – who would have guessed that it would have been such a great success! We enjoyed it – our audiences enjoyed it – and even at the end of the day I think that perhaps our Treasurer will have enjoyed it! Peter has not yet prepared his final balance but it looks as if it will be on the right side and that really must be the 'icing on the cake'. Well done everyone! What a great bonus it was to have the co-operation of Charlie Johnston – I could never believe that such a breed of caretaker existed!

Our deepest sympathy goes to Pam and her family on the death of Bill. Thank you Pam for the great contribution you made to Iolanthe under such strenuous circumstances.

Rita and I are both sorry that we shall miss 'Trial'. I am sure it will be a great evening – we shall be on a Rotary trip to Italy.

Do please make every effort to support the Bar-B-Q. Chris and Jane are great hosts and we can always arrange an alternative if you can't manage a 'fry-up'.

We are all pleased to learn that Ken Rose is making a good recovery and look forward to having him with us again soon.

Enjoy your holidays!

David Thompson

...AND THE PRODUCER

To everybody who contributed to the success of Iolanthe, my heartfelt thanks. It was very gratifying to stand at the exit to Sprowston School during our production of Iolanthe and hear from our audience such unprecedented praise of our efforts. Of course they were referring to the show itself but I think it is time we all thought of the 'few' who made the transition from Broadland so successful. These few worked literally hundreds of hours to ensure the venue was as we wished. To these people a special thank-you for without their efforts the show would have been a non-starter.

We have a busy year before us with concerts and our next full production – 'Pirates'. Concert performances enhance our reputation and keep our name in the public eye – so please give them your fullest support.

The rehearsal schedule for Pirates (another fun show – I hope) should be available at the A.G.M. However, the schedule only

gives dates for those who perform on stage only. If you are one such member please give thought to all the other jobs that need to be done (e.g. scenery) and suit action to positive thought by joining one of the crews which ensure a marvellous service from which we launch the show.

Trevor Thurston

A.G.M.

Notification of this year's A.G.M. is issued at the same time as this newsletter. It will be on Tuesday, 29th June commencing 7.30 p.m. at Wroxham Church Hall. All members and V.P.s are invited and we look forward to a good turnout at this meeting.

BAR-B-Q

The annual Bar-B-Q will be held at the home of Chris & Jane Mack on Saturday July 17th from 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £5.00 and include one free drink. They are available from Janet Barley or Sheila Tuffield. Vegetarians will be catered for on request.

LOCAL PRODUCTIONS

Sheringham Savoyards present 'The Mikado' 15th-19th June at 8.00 p.m. at 'The Little Theatre, Sheringham'. Tickets available from Sanders Coaches – Tel: Sheringham 823000

Norwich G & S Society present a concert version of 'Utopia' in the Music Room of the Assembly House, Norwich – Saturday 23rd October.

D'OYLY CARTE

It cannot have escaped your notice that D'Oyly Carte are in Norwich from 31st May to 5th June with productions of Offenbach's 'Orpheus in the Underworld' (31st May & 1st June) and Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Pirates of Penzance' (2nd-5th June). The Theatre Royal Box Office Tel. No. is Norwich 630000.

PAVILION THEATRE, CROMER

Martin McEvoy Productions Ltd presents 'The Gilbert & Sullivan Story' – Sunday 8th August at 8 p.m. — Tickets £8.00 & £7.00. Box Office Tel. No. Cromer 512495.

LONDON TRIPS

At the time of writing all tickets for the trip to see Miss Saigon on 31st July are allocated but if you are interested in going on a 'reserve list' in the event of any cancellations please contact Sheila Tuffield.

We have been advised of new booking dates for 'Phantom' and 'Sunset Boulevard' and letters of application will be sent in the next week or so – ever hopeful of getting seats for a Saturday matinée in 1994!

Meanwhile we have the option on 48 tickets to see 'Carousel' at the Shaftsbury Theatre on Saturday 30th October. There are 36 seats at £15.75 and 12 at £7.65 plus the option of better seats at £27.00 if requested. Sheila needs to know how many people would be interested in this trip accompanied by a £5.00 deposit by Saturday 5th June. If the trip looks to be a certainty then the ticket balance price must be paid by 27th July.

For further details please contact Sheila on Norwich

CALENDAR 1993

- **May 29th**
'Trial by Jury' for 'The Law Society' – St. Andrew's Hall
- **June 29th**
A.G.M.
- **July 17th**
Bar-B-Q at Witton Hall
- **September 4th**
'Tops & Tails'
- **September 7th**
New Season Rehearsals Commence
- **October 9th**
'Your Favourite G & S' at Breckland Hall, Costessey
- **December 11th**
Christmas Party – Wensum Lodge

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