

Newsletter

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Winter 1993

OUR CHAIRMAN WRITES...

The 'Sunday' auditions went extremely well and I am sure should be repeated. Congratulations to all who were successful and commiserations to those who were not. Don't be put off. It was heartening to see some of our less experienced members auditioning for the smaller parts - we all have to start somewhere - make sure you try again next year.

Two Autumn concerts under our belts so far - both very successful if the response of our audiences is anything to go by.

We have already been booked for the Wells Festival on 30th July, 1994 - a concert version of 'Pirates' and I know more requests are on the way.

We are all very sorry that Dennis Johnson is not too well at the present time and hope that he will soon be restored to good health. We continue to remember Linda Markham and are delighted that she is improving. It's also good to see Ken Rose back with us.

Those of you who are not 'regulars' at the Christmas Party - do get the date in your diaries - it is always a super evening.

We have been asked to sing carols again this year and your committee will be sorting out some dates.

Every organisation needs new blood to survive. We are delighted to welcome several new members to the Society and hope that they will enjoy being with us.

All for now!

David Thompson

...AND THE PRODUCER

May I thank all those who took part in the recent performances of 'Your Favourite G & S'. I have heard many favourable comments and am sure these concerts serve to swell our audiences for the main productions.

Thanks also are due to those who turned out to 'clean up' the scenery recently. It might not have been 'fun' exactly but certainly very worthwhile.

Whilst mentioning 'fun' - Pirates is just around the corner!! As you know we have allocated portions of rehearsals to activities other than singing. Please join in - they're meant to be enjoyable as well as an aid to improving stage craft. Remember, standing on stage and singing beautifully is not enough! Choral societies do that!, we do more!

Karen is taking on quite a lot of the choreography this year (I'm extremely

grateful) but I'm afraid, gentlemen some of yours is still down to me, so polish up your drill movements!

On chorus casting - the ladies will be divided into three main groups - dancing daughters, chaperones and servants. Gentlemen will be either Pirates or Policemen depending on numbers, a few may be both. I'll let you know who's who when I have a definitive cast list. Whatever general 'type' you are, I shall still look for our usual individualisation of character.

Trevor Thurston

'PIRATES' PRINCIPALS

Major General Stanley	David Rees
The Pirate King	John Clack
Samuel	Ken Davis
Frederic	Keith Wincote
Sergeant of Police	Trevor Thurston
Mabel	Jane Mack
Edith	Karen Wright
Kate	Beverley Baker
Isabel	Sue Butcher
Ruth	Pamela Warren

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

The time has come for us to get down to the task of creating the set for 'Pirates' and we would like to recruit more people to the Stage Crew because:

We NEED more helpers
Non-acting members can be involved
It's FUN

There are four main areas of work:

Making the scenery
Painting
Building the Set
Set changing

People can be involved with one, any combination or all four. If you, or anyone you know is interested please let me know so that I can pass on further details. I can be contacted at rehearsals or by phone on Norwich

John Regan - Stage Manager

LOCAL PRODUCTIONS

South Norfolk A.O.S. present 'Princess Ida'
17th - 20th November, 1993
7.30 p.m. (Sat. Matinée at 2.30 p.m.)
at Wymondham High School
Tel: (0953) 603523

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 11th December at Wensum Lodge, King Street from 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from Sheila Tuffield at rehearsals or telephone Norwich

Please support the evening which is always good fun - the food, excellent - the entertainment, entertaining! and the company, convivial!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

I am in the process of updating the membership list and would like to make it as accurate as possible, but find that there are still some outstanding subscriptions to be paid for 1993/4.

Remember that if you are not involved as an acting member we would still like you to remain part of the Society which only costs £5 a year - (Acting Membership is £10).

Please send your subscription to the Treasurer - Peter Coward,

Jenny Butlin

CALENDAR 1993/4

- **December 11th**
Christmas Party - Wensum Lodge
- **December 21st**
'Beanfat' after rehearsal
- **January 4th**
Rehearsals re-commence
- **February 14th**
Priority Booking Begins
- **February 21st**
Box Office Opens
- **April 5th-9th**
Show Week: 'The Pirates of Penzance'

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

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